

GOOD EVENING.
SEE WEATHERS
Tonight, fair; Saturday, increasing
cloudiness, probably followed
by rain; cooler; southerly winds.

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OUR NAVY GOES INTO THE DITCH ENLARGES THE DITCH

Annual Report of Naval Construction Bureau Issues.

AMERICA AT PRESENT IS FORGING FORWARD

There Are Now 327 Vessels Including Those Under Construction or Authorized.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Nov. 11.—The annual report of Chief Constructor Caspe of the bureau of construction for the navy, published today shows that the total strength of the American navy is 327 vessels, including those under construction or authorized.
Of this number 365 are now fit for service. The bureau is embarrassed by the lack of docking facilities.
The report is of peculiar significance as it bears upon the naval power of European countries, bringing as it does by comparison the United States well up toward the head of the list of the world's naval powers.
Great Britain, which is now and is likely for untold years to remain, the leading naval power of the world, has 524 ships built and in commission or laid up. France follows with 481 warships, and Germany at present is the third with 310 war vessels. These are the figures for last year's official reports insofar as made public.
As to bottoms, Great Britain leads and probably, too, in point of effectiveness. In this latter respect America is her closest competitor, her navy being of such recent date and embodying all the latest ideas of naval construction. In the American list there are but few vessels that would be classed as inferior or obsolete in type. Great Britain and France both have many vessels included whose utility would be confined more to coast guard work than for anything else, while both America and Germany have but few vessels that would not be available for use in any sea and under any circumstances.
America does include in this list, however, a few monitors, a type of war craft that seems doomed to the bone yard now that speed and lighter but stronger armor are combined.
No figures can be taken as final, however, except those of vessels already in commission, inasmuch as Great Britain and Germany are both building and carrying enormous appropriations for naval improvement.

STEAMERS COLLIDE IN FOG AT TACOMA

Multnomah Crashes Into French Ship Cecille—Traffic Almost Suspended.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 11.—Dense fog has practically stopped traffic of the smaller craft in this port since the steamer Multnomah last night decided to make an attempt to go out. While near the dock she collided with the French ship Admiral Cecille. The Multnomah was badly damaged as a result of the crash. There were 10 passengers on board, none of whom were injured.
Neither the Ramona nor the T. C. Reed were allowed to leave Tacoma on their regular trips.
The French ship Admiral Cecille, scheduled to depart this morning, will await the rising of the fog. Yesterday the steamers Multnomah and T. C. Reed narrowly missed colliding, both were blowing foghorn, but were scarcely 20 feet apart when located.

WOMAN BEGGAR FINED TEN CENTS A DAY

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Nov. 11.—Judge Algernon T. Egan of the first criminal court of Newark, yesterday imposed upon Mrs. Buela McCarton, convicted of professional mendacity, a sentence said to be without a parallel in the annals of New Jersey.
"The sentence of this court, Mrs. McCarton," announced Judge Sweeney, "is that you shall pay a fine of 10 cents daily for a period of two years and that you shall appear in this court each day during the term of your sentence. If you make payment as the court has directed," Mrs. McCarton is 35 years old, and the police say is a member of a family of beggars known all over the east as "the notorious McCarton family."

RAILWAY POSTOFFICE IS INVESTIGATED

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Nov. 11.—A new investigation in the postoffice department is under way, and is directed against the railway mail service. Half a dozen railway mail contracts are now before the department of justice for examination as to their legality, and under investigation on charges of collusion by government officials, some of whom are supposed to be in congress.

One Dead and 20 Hurt in Wreck of "Katy" Flyer in Kansas.

SERIES OF ACCIDENTS ALL OVER COUNTRY

Four Hurt in Gasoline Explosion in Buffalo—Two Men Drop Dead in Chicago.

(Journal Special Service.)
Parsons, Kan., Nov. 11.—In one of the most remarkable wrecks on record the Missouri, Kansas & Texas "flyer" plunged from the track while running at full speed eight miles north of here this morning, killing by one man and fatally injuring another. Of the round score of passengers injured there are but few that are in serious condition.
Fireman Terrell was killed outright. The most seriously injured are N. L. Wilson, of Hillsboro, Texas, who may die.
Edward Manchester, traveling engineer for the "Katy" system, and Engineer Leidick are seriously injured.
The accident came through the breaking and turning of the front trucks beneath the tender of the locomotive. They are supposed to have twisted sidewise, derailing the engine, which rolled over an embankment and dived completely over, resting bottom up. Manchester was riding in the cab and both he and Leidick were ploughed down by the broken fragments, while the fireman was instantly crushed to death.
So great was the speed that the train was traveling that the first three cars were derailed and ploughed down the embankment, while six other following cars smashed into each other with such force that the glass was shattered throughout and platforms telescoped.
Nearly all of those injured were bruised by being thrown forward against seats or out by flying glass.
The first report here was to the effect that many had been killed and the special train which at once left for the scene of the wreck carried several capable surgeons and nurse resident in this city.
Considering the location of the wreck and the speed which is always maintained at that point, the wreck is exceptional in the fact that so few were killed and injured.

CHICAGO'S LIST.

Four Men Meet Sudden and Unexpected Death—Several Injured.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Nov. 11.—Four men met death in a sudden manner in this city this morning.
William E. Fry, a member of the firm of Wright & Co., brokers, dropped dead at the entrance to his office.
Edward Thielens, the head of the jewelry engraving establishment, expired as he entered the Columbus memorial building, where his office was located.
Andrew Staven of Brandon, Manitoba, was found dead in a hotel and his companion, Angus Taylor of Pembroke, Ont., was found unconscious, as the result of asphyxiation.
William Anderson, an iron worker, was killed instantly and John Kunkle badly injured while erecting a bridge over the Western Indiana tracks, an iron beam falling on him.
To add to the day's remarkable chapter of accidents, at least a half dozen cases of injuries less serious than the above were reported. A scaffolding on new construction work on State street, gave way and dropped four men a distance of 12 feet, where they landed on another scaffold three stories in the air, but escaped without serious injury.

KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Two Men Hurt to Death and Five Are Imprisoned in Mine.

(Journal Special Service.)
Springfield, Ill., Nov. 11.—James McGee and Antonio Murata, two miners, were instantly killed by an explosion early this morning in the new Peabody coal mine south of this city.
Five other men were imprisoned by the explosion, but were rescued uninjured.

LOGGERS DROWN.

Equal Overturns Boat in Johnston Straits—Companion Escapes.

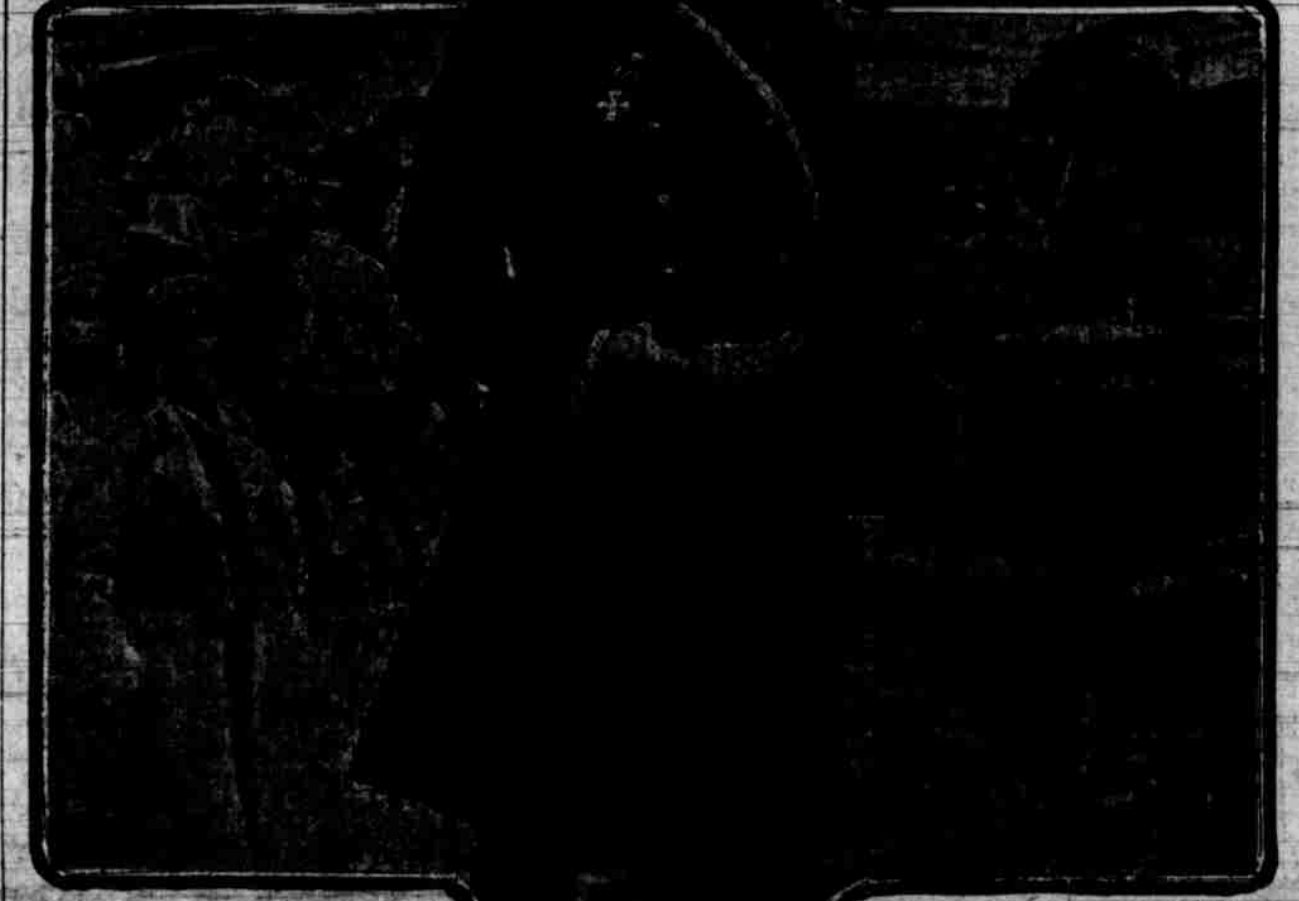
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 11.—News of the drowning of two loggers in Johnston strait Sunday last was received here this morning. The drowned men, (Continued on Page Six.)

UNCONFIRMED RUMORS SAY FORT HAS FALLEN

Private and Press Dispatches Tell of Report That Gen. Stoessel, Wearing of the Fray, Will Evacuate the Big Stronghold He Has Defended so Gallantly.



One Dispatch Says That Japan Is Inclined to Offer Acceptable Conditions and Cautions Gen. Nogi to Prevent Excesses When Victorious Troops Enter.



SECTION OF IRON BLOWN INTO HOTEL

Dynamite Explosion at Silverton Demolishes Window Panes and Sash.

VICTORY OF LIQUOR MEN CAUSES HILARITY

No One Injured Although Several Knocked Down—Damage Several Hundred.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Silverton, Or., Nov. 11.—A section of railway iron was blown into the Matlock hotel where guests were asleep and the window panes along to entire blocks sent crashing out by a dynamite explosion early Wednesday morning. The explosion was caused by the hilarity of celebrators, upon returns showing that the town was to remain "wet."
The hilarity began election evening and increased as the vote was reported. At 1 o'clock in the morning the city was aroused by a terrific explosion. Houses shook on their foundations and all those who had retired were sufficiently jarred to waken. All the houses along two blocks of Water street had the window panes broken out.
One building had 22 panes of glass broken and the window shades demolished. A heavy charge of dynamite had been placed under the railroad track on Water street and exploded. The force of the charge was so great that a section of railroad iron was blown across two vacant lots and cut its way into the Matlock hotel. No one was injured, but the damage while not so great as at first thought will amount to several hundred dollars.
Several persons standing near the exploding charge were knocked down. The celebrators had evidently planned more fun, as 25 pounds of dynamite was found capped and ready to explode in front of the mayor's store, about a half block from the scene of the first demonstration.
Among the incidents of knockdown and shakedown was that of a man who was standing at a bar taking a glass of beer. The concussion threw him flat to the floor, knocked the glass from his hand and sent it spinning across the room.
A similar report from Rome says that the Tokio correspondent of the Newpaper Messagero wires that a report has reached there that Port Arthur has capitulated.
Agencia Libera has also received a dispatch from Chefoo stating that a messenger from General Stoessel has arrived at Japanese headquarters and it is believed his purpose is to ascertain what conditions the Japanese would impose should the Russians surrender Port Arthur.
Among military authorities here it is considered that there is a grain of truth in the report so far as it pertains to reported negotiations. In support of their claims they point to the numerous reports that have emanated from Port Arthur giving in part the horror of the situation as it exists, calling particular attention to the condition of the garrison, its sick and wounded and the scarcity of food.
Although general regret is heard on all sides that the hero who has so valiantly defended his post, is to step down, nothing but words of praise are spoken in his behalf, all realizing that force of circumstances and not the man, will cause Port Arthur to capitulate.

MURDERER JACKSON IS STILL IN THE MOUNTAINS

(Journal Special Service.)
Montgomery, W. Va., Nov. 11.—Ed Jackson, who shot and killed Sheriff Daniels and John Roloff, who was trying to act as peace-maker, here yesterday, is with his brother George still hiding in the mountains with 20 armed men in pursuit.
Bloodhounds which were brought here failed to take up the trail. The Jackson brothers are notorious as bad men.

YACHT DESIGNER WATSON ILL.

(Journal Special Service.)
Glasgow, Nov. 11.—George Lennox Watson, the famous yacht designer, is seriously ill.

FILIPINOS HOPELESS SAYS GEN. CORBIN

Roosevelt's Election He Says Ends Independence Movement There.

GENERAL ARRIVES IN MANILA IN FULL STATE

Cabinet Takes Up Question of Changing Philippine Tariff—Full Power for Governor.

(Journal Special Service.)
Manila, Nov. 11.—Major General Corbin, the newly appointed commander of the Philippines, arrived today on the steamer Mongolia. He was met at the wharf by General Wood and staff and escorted to headquarters, where a salute was fired in his honor. Not in the complete of General Corbin, however, was the most interest centered, but rather on what the administration's attitude is apt to be toward the Philippines.
Corbin set this at rest by saying that Roosevelt's election would put a stop to the independence movement, as the American voters had shown in a most emphatic way that they approved of Roosevelt's attitude in these matters.
There is great dependency among the leaders of the independence movement, as they now see nothing before them but submission or the continuance of a guerrilla warfare that will last interminably and can but lose in the end.
Not until it became known that Roosevelt had been elected by such an overwhelming majority was it believed that the masses of the American people favored anything but a relinquishment of the islands.
PHILIPPINE TARIFFS.
Cabinet Believes Philippine Commission Should Have the Say.
(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Nov. 11.—The question of changing the tariff of the Philippines on goods imported from other countries than the United States was discussed at the cabinet meeting today.
It favored giving full power to the Philippine commission to make such changes as are necessary to the well-being of the islands. The president and other members agreed and Roosevelt will on this ground make such a recommendation to congress.

OREGON SHORT LINE IS NOT READY TO ELECT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salt Lake, Nov. 11.—The annual meeting of the Oregon Short Line stockholders was again postponed for thirty days, today.
It is believed that new directors will not be chosen until after the completion of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake line, when the Standard Oil interests will be found to be big holders of the stock.

EXPECTS WAR VESSELS.

Orders to Observe Neutrality Laws in San Francisco Bay.
(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Nov. 11.—The fact that special orders have been telegraphed to Commandant McCalla at San Francisco indicates that the navy department is expecting Russian or Japanese.

DIG DRAIN DEFECTIVE

Sensational Report Is Expected Regarding Tanner Creek Sewer.

CONTRACTOR RINER'S ACTION CONDEMNED

Should Have Waited Until Report Was Presented Before Attempting Repairs—City Engineer Talks.

When the report of the experts engaged in inspecting the construction of the Tanner creek sewer is made to the city council some sensational disclosures regarding the work on the big drain are expected. That the experts have found defects there is now no doubt. In one place it is said they have discovered that Belgian blocks are lacking for a distance of 30 or 40 feet, while there is no concrete footings to the arches, as called for in the plans and specifications.
These disclosures are intensified by the fact that Contractor R. M. Riner made an attempt to repair one of the defects in the sewer yesterday, but was prevented by the prompt action of some of the interested property owners, who notified Councilman Sigler of what Contractor Riner would attempt to do.
Through orders of Mr. Sigler, Police-man Ogg prevented Riner from continuing with his repairs at 2:30 o'clock last night. Councilman Sigler is chairman of the council committee appointed to investigate the sewer. For four days experts have been at work examining the drain. Yesterday afternoon he heard through a property owner that Riner would attempt to repair defects in the sewer last night. He immediately went to the police office, where he enlisted Captain Moore's services, who detailed Officer Ogg on the case.
Attempts Repairs.
"As soon as I was able," said Councilman Sigler, "I went out to Sixteenth and Alder street, where they said he was at work and found him there with several men. He stated that he had heard the defect was there and desired to fix it before rain came. I found that it was a very small matter. A portion of the stone blocks were missing from the bottom of the sewer directly beneath the place where the elevator worked. If the rock had ever been put in it must have washed out, but it may have been an oversight on the part of the workmen. It was but a small matter, and to repair it would cost no more than \$40. I did not think it advisable for him to go into the sewer until the report of the experts had been handed to us. Then if there are any defects Mr. Riner can go in and remedy them. He did wrong in attempting to fix the sewer at this time."
E. W. Riner, son of the contractor, stated that he was told of the defect by a man who had been directly beneath the place where the elevator worked. He stated that he went to the experts immediately. He stated that two of them told him to fix it.

PHILIPPINE HOPELESS SAYS GEN. CORBIN

"I examined the place," said he, "and found that just beneath the manhole there was a place where about 25 stone blocks were missing. I am quite positive that these were placed before we left the sewer. It was the last work to be done and while the cement was drying a flush of water came through and washed out the blocks. I desired to complete the work before rain came, and yesterday secured my material and made my dam and was going to complete the work last night when stopped by the officer. Perhaps I did wrong to go into the sewer at this time, but I thought it was all right, as the experts had told me to go ahead. City Engineer Elliott and Deputy George Scorgins knew what I was doing and they did not tell me to quit."
City Engineer Elliott, on the other hand says he advised Riner not to proceed with the work, but to wait until after the report of the committee of experts.

JUST AN OVERSIGHT.

"It is nothing more or less than an oversight on the part of the contractor," said Mr. Elliott. "This place was directly beneath the elevator and was the last place to be repaired. The cement and brick work was laid, but in the hurry the workmen must have forgotten to lay the blocks in this place, which is very small, and the whole thing can be done for \$40."
George Scorgins was of the same opinion as Engineer Elliott.
Councilman Albert, another of the members of the council committee, stated that he thought this defect in the sewer was simply an oversight on

THANKSGIVING DAY IN OREGON SET

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Nov. 11.—Governor Chamberlain, in accordance with established custom, yesterday issued his Thanksgiving proclamation. It reads as follows:
"To the end that thanks may be returned to Almighty God for the manifold blessings enjoyed by the people of the United States, the president has designated Thursday the 24th day of November, 1904, as a day of general thanksgiving, and conformable to custom, I, George W. Chamberlain, governor of the state of Oregon, do hereby proclaim that day as a day generally to be observed by the people of the state of Oregon in an appropriate way in returning thanks for the continuous health, happiness and prosperity of our people."
"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be hereunto affixed, at Salem, Oregon, this 11th day of November, 1904."
"George W. Chamberlain, Governor."

OFFICIAL INVOLVED

"Zimmerman Promised Protection," Under-Sheriff Says.

STARTLING TESTIMONY IN SLOT MACHINE CASE

Mrs. Clark Denies Having Said Councilman Promised Protection—She Is Acquitted in 20 Minutes.

While occupying the witness stand in Circuit Judge Sears' court this morning, Under-Sheriff Morden testified that when he and several deputies found a money-paying nickel-in-the-slot machine in the house, 127 Park street, Mrs. Clark, who was in charge of the place, said:
"You have no right to take that machine. Councilman Zimmerman said that we could run it and that he would protect us."
Mrs. Clark, the defendant, is a small woman of dazzling brunette beauty. The strongest tribute to Mrs. Clark's personal appearance is shown by the fact that though the state made out a clear case, the jury was out only 20 minutes and returned with a verdict of acquittal.
Judge O'Day made vigorous objection to the admission of the under-sheriff's testimony, claiming that it was irrelevant. Judge Sears overruled the objection and the under-sheriff was permitted to give in detail the conversation that occurred between him and the defendant at the time of the raid.
The witnesses for the state were the under-sheriff and Deputies Moreland and Cordan. The slot machine was taken from 127 Park street on the night of October 18. All the witnesses for the state swore that they were admitted on ringing the bell. When they found the machine in the back parlor, they said, Mrs. Clark wanted to take the money out, and then made the statement relative to Councilman Zimmerman granting permission to operate the machine and promising protection.
Daniels Accepts Explanation.
"What did you say in reply to her statement," asked Deputy District Attorney Moser of Under-Sheriff Morden.
"I told her that she should have to see the sheriff, that I could not protect her, even if Councilman Zimmerman could," said the under-sheriff.
When Mrs. Clark took the stand Mr. Moser asked her a number of questions relative to the hours when the house was open and how often she had called.
"I guess it depended largely on how often the sheriff made raids," interjected Judge O'Day.
"Yes," sarcastically remarked Mr. Moser, "or how often members of the city council go to make visits."
Mrs. Clark denied that she had said Councilman Zimmerman had promised her protection or that she is even acquainted with him. She also testified that the door was locked at the time of the raid.
In arguing the case Mr. Moser read the section of the codes governing the maintenance and operation of slot machines and attempted to show that the state had made out a perfect case.
Possession Proves Nothing.
Judge O'Day declared that in this particular case possession did not prove guilt. He gave his construction of the law and spoke of criminal procedure generally in so doing.
"Some people say it is a crime to look on a fair woman," humorously asserted counsel, "but I am sure neither I nor any of you jurymen would be guilty of this offense."
Judge O'Day charged the jury and it returned to deliberate on the case shortly after the noon hour. The jury was out about 20 minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

DENIES CHARGES OF COUNTRESS MAJORESKY

(Journal Special Service.)
Seattle, Nov. 11.—William Galpin, the Nome mining man who is accused by the Countess Majoresky of blackmail, threatened murder and many other crimes, arrived from the north yesterday.
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