

GOOD EVENING. The Weather. Generally fair tonight and Sunday; winds mostly northerly.

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VOL. IV. NO. 89. PORTLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 17, 1905.—SIXTEEN PAGES. PRICE TWO CENTS. ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS, FIVE CENTS.

French Government Believes Germany Wants to Provoke War.

AGGRESSION IS ALSO AIMED AT ENGLAND

Conciliatory Methods of Rouvier Inspire Only Fresh Demands—French Minister of War Prepares to Resist.

(Journal Special Service.) London, June 17.—It is no longer denied that an international crisis of the first magnitude exists between Germany and France.

Notables See Dedication of Massachusetts Building.

ONE OF EXPOSITION'S FINEST SOCIAL EVENTS

Theodore B. Wilcox Delivers Keys of Beautiful Structure to John R. Thayer, Representing Governor Douglas.

With appropriate ceremonies the magnificent Massachusetts building, facing the Lewis and Clark boulevard, at the exposition was dedicated in the presence of a large gathering of people at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

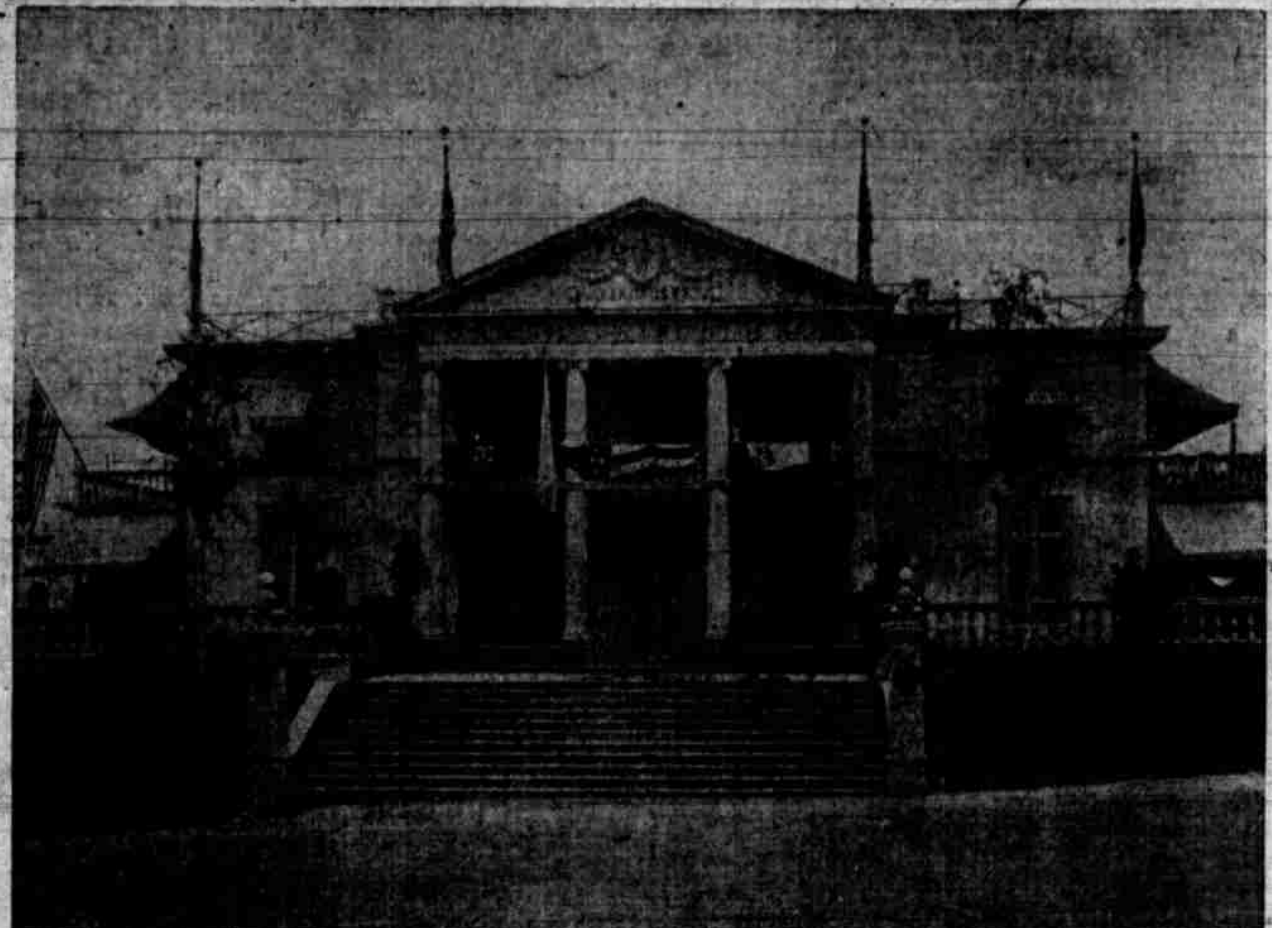
An elaborate program was prepared, which included addresses by many prominent men, music and other features. By designation of Governor Douglas, Theodore B. Wilcox of this city was president of the day and the personal representative of the executive of Massachusetts.

The program was opened by an invocation by Dr. Edwin L. House. Executive Commissioner Wilson H. Fairbank delivered a brief address, saying: "Our distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: I bid you all a most hearty greeting. As the executive member of our board it may not be out of place for me to say that the building and its exhibits, were completed in 19 weeks and ready to open on the first day of June, and we think they will reflect credit and honor on old Massachusetts during this Lewis and Clark exposition."

Mr. Wilcox delivered a brief address accepting the building in behalf of the state of Massachusetts, and in the name of the governor.

President Goode delivered an address of welcome to the visitors on the part of the exposition management; on behalf of the state of Oregon, Governor Chamberlain said the hearts of the people and the gates of the fair were open to the visitors; told of the honor Portland felt in entertaining representatives of the Bay State.

The address of the day was delivered by John R. Thayer of Massachusetts. The following were in the receiving line at the reception: Mr. Wilcox, Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. Thayer, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Sullivan of the executive council, Mrs. Ladd, William A. Lytle, President Goode, Mrs. Goode, William F. Dana, Mrs. Wilson, Louis A. Frothingham, Mr. Warren, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Fairbank, Mrs. Charles Ladd and Commissioner Fairbank.



Massachusetts State Building Dedicated Today.—Photograph by Kiser Photographic Company.

ARMISTICE SAID TO BE ARRANGED

Novoe Vremya States That an Agreement Has Been Signed to Halt War.

BRITAIN MAKES PROTEST OVER SINKING OF SHIPS

Destruction of Vessels of Neutral Power by Russia Arouses England's Ire.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, June 17.—The Novoe Vremya states today that an armistice has been arranged between the Japanese and Russian armies in Manchuria.

The announcement is not confirmed officially by the government, neither is it denied, but it is generally believed that both Oyama and Linvitch have been instructed to meet each other in the field and sign a preliminary protocol.

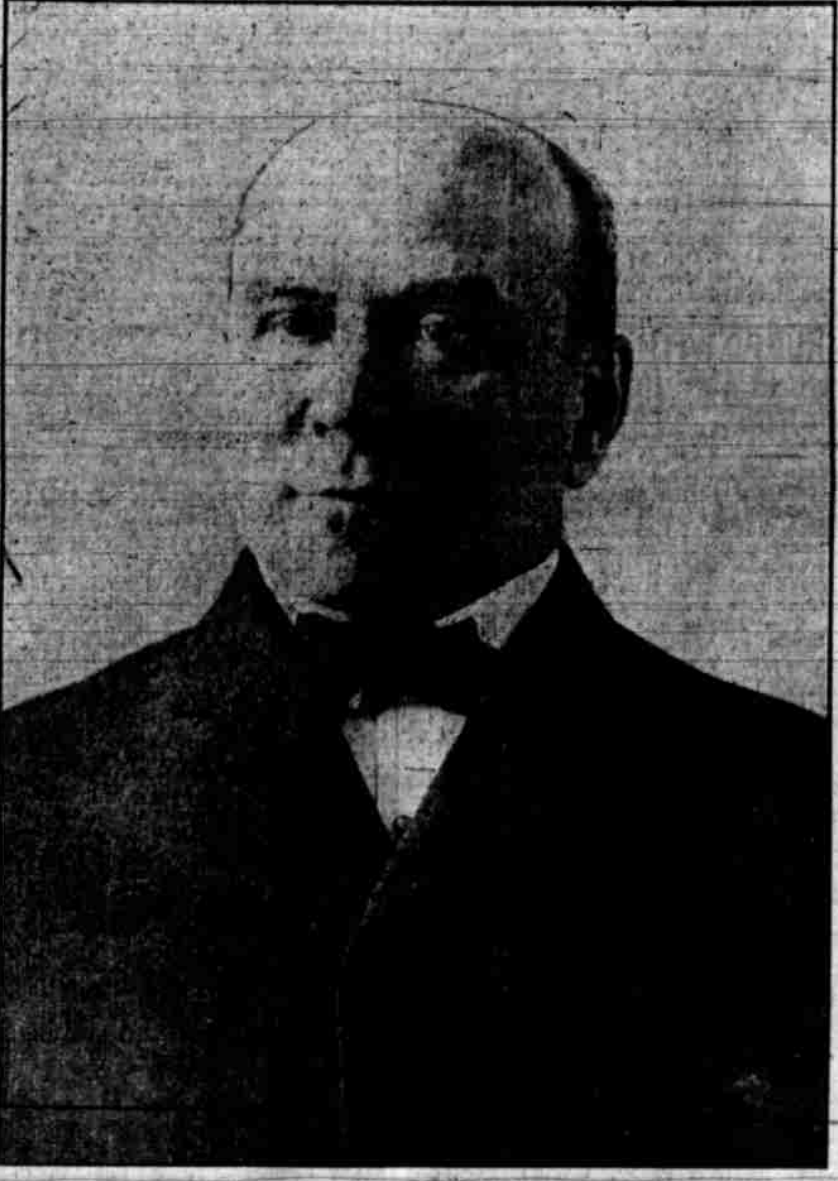
No confirmation of the signing of the armistice has been received at any European capital or at Washington. The present program provides that the commander-in-chief of the two armies will be delegated special powers for the occasion, and will meet midway between the two armies.

NEW BOND ISSUE. Japanese Financier Recalled to Discuss Proposed New Issue.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, June 17.—K. Takashah, the Japanese financial agent by whose effort the war loan was floated, has been summoned to Tokyo and will leave New York June 24.

BRITAIN PROTESTS. Official Objection Over Sinking of Ships by Russian Warships.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, June 17.—Strong representations were made to the Russian government this afternoon on the part of Great Britain in connection with the sinking of merchant vessels belonging to neutral powers, especially the sinking of the British steamer St. Kilda by the cruiser Dnieper near Hongkong on June 5.



W. W. Cotton of Portland, U. S. Judge for the District of Oregon, Succeeding the Late Judge Bellinger.



Youngsters, you know them well. They're all in tomorrow's issue of The Sunday Morning Journal—the Katzenjammer Kids, Maud the Mule, the irrepressible Sam, Jimmie, and all your old friends.

W. E. Curtis, the famous photographer of Indians, furnishes a choice selection of his remarkable pictures from his exhibit at the exposition. The Journal publishes them in color and tells about the astonishing work of the man who made them.

COTTON'S MAY GET U. S. JUDGE

Portland Attorney Selected to Succeed the Late C. B. Bellinger.

WILL ASSUME OFFICE NEXT SEPTEMBER

W. D. Fenton Likely to Replace Him as Attorney for the Harriman Lines in Oregon.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, D. C., June 17.—W. W. Cotton of Portland has been appointed by President Roosevelt to succeed the late Judge Bellinger as United States district judge for Oregon.

When the news reached Portland this morning that W. W. Cotton had been appointed to fill the vacancy on the federal bench caused by the death of the late Judge Bellinger, the expressions of satisfaction among the members of the bar were most cordial.

Senator Fulton has been desirous that Mr. Cotton should succeed Judge Bellinger and has strongly urged on him that he should accept the position.

But the question was again broached after Mr. Cotton's return from California and he finally decided that he would accept provided he could be allowed until September 1 to arrange his affairs.

Speculation has already arisen as to Mr. Cotton's successor as the legal head of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company. W. D. Fenton is regarded as the logical successor in the position, being the other legal representative of Oregon of the Harriman interests.

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RUSO-JAPANESE COMMISSIONERS MAY GET TERMS IN CITY

GOVERNOR WILL SEEK PRESIDENT'S CONSENT

Many Reasons Showing Why Portland Should Be Chosen as Place for Settlement of Eastern Troubles.

(The Russia-Japan peace commission will be invited to meet in Portland to arrange the convention between the warring nations.)

Governor Chamberlain and Director-General Goode of the exposition today decided to telegraph to Washington, D. C., inviting the Russia-Japan peace commission to meet in Portland. They conferred at the Arlington club at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and decided that the situation warranted such action.

All members of the diplomatic corps in the capital are forwarding the plan, inasmuch as they are accustomed always to go to the cool resorts in the western part of the country.

The issues involved in the war between Japan and Russia are so closely related to the Pacific coast that it is thought that nothing could be more appropriate than to ask the commissioners to meet in Portland, where the summers are delightful and the material concerns of the war are well understood.

"I would join heartily in any plan looking toward bringing the peace commission to Portland for their deliberations," said Governor Chamberlain today.

"Where other than Portland on the Pacific coast should the commission meet? Here center the nation's interest in the mighty issues involved in the conference. And, therefore, here the commission might very well assemble."

"The danger to which I refer lies in the possibility of generating the explosive mixture of electrolytic decomposition and thermic dissociation of water through the direct currents used in the operation of cars. Such a process might go on for hours or days without being noticed, and with currents of this kind it is scarcely practicable to avoid it altogether."

OSCAR IS WILLING TO SUPPLY NORWAY'S KING

(Journal Special Service.) London, June 17.—A dispatch from Copenhagen states that it is learned on reliable authority that if the Swedish king agrees to the dissolution of Sweden and Norway King Oscar will be perfectly willing to designate a prince of the house of Bernadotte as king of Norway.

HOTTENTOTS CAPTURE CHIEF GERMAN FORT

(Journal Special Service.) Cape Town, June 17.—The report that the Hottentots captured Warbad, the chief German military station in southwest Africa, on June 2, is confirmed. The German officers in the town escaped.

MAD LOVE FOR GIRL WRECKS MANY LIVES

(Journal Special Service.) New York, June 17.—James Street has been forced to resign the presidency of the Street Steamship company, a concern backed by Morgan interests. The circumstances of his resignation are unusual. Street is charged with abandoning his wife and children and wrecking a business career that held the assured promise of immense success, all through his infatuation for a young girl typewriter in the employ of the steamship company.

She married Street 19 years ago. Mrs. Street was compelled to vacate the handsome home at Highland, an aristocratic suburb of Englewood, New Jersey, and seek shelter with her sister. The last dollar had been expended and she and her six children would have been homeless but for her sister's aid.

Forty Buildings Burn. (Journal Special Service.) Johnstown, Pa., June 17.—Forty buildings in the business section were destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is \$250,000.

EIGHT LIVES LOST IN FIRE RAGING AT MOSCOW

(Journal Special Service.) Moscow, June 17.—Over 45,000,000 damage has already been caused by a fire which started last night in the commissary and store departments, following several mysterious explosions. Eight men lost their lives as a result of the explosions, which are believed to be due to a plot. The fire is still burning.

ABOLITIONIST SINGER TO WED YOUNG WOMAN

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, June 17.—On the heels of the announcement that John Hutchinson, the famous abolitionist singer, will be sued for breach of promise by a pretty young woman—Ellen F. Wetherall—comes the formal statement that Hutchinson is to marry Miss Grace A. Vincent, a young and talented musician of Lynn.

EXPLOSIVE GASES MAY WRECK SUBWAY

(Journal Special Service.) New York, June 17.—The foulness of air in the subway has reached a stage when the fainting of women is of almost daily occurrence, and the indications are that as summer advances conditions will grow worse.