

GOOD EVENING

THE WEATHER

Rain this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; southeast winds.



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PORTLAND'S POPULATION JULY 1 SHOWN TO BE 160,000, MAKING HER QUEEN CITY OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST

FATE IS WITH THE JURY

Williamson, Biggs and Gesner for the Third Time Await a Verdict in the Conspiracy Case.

CHARGE IS GIVEN SHORTLY AFTER THREE

Bennett Concludes Argument Early in the Morning and Hensy Occupies Nearly Three Hours in the Final Presentation for the Government—Courtroom is Crowded.

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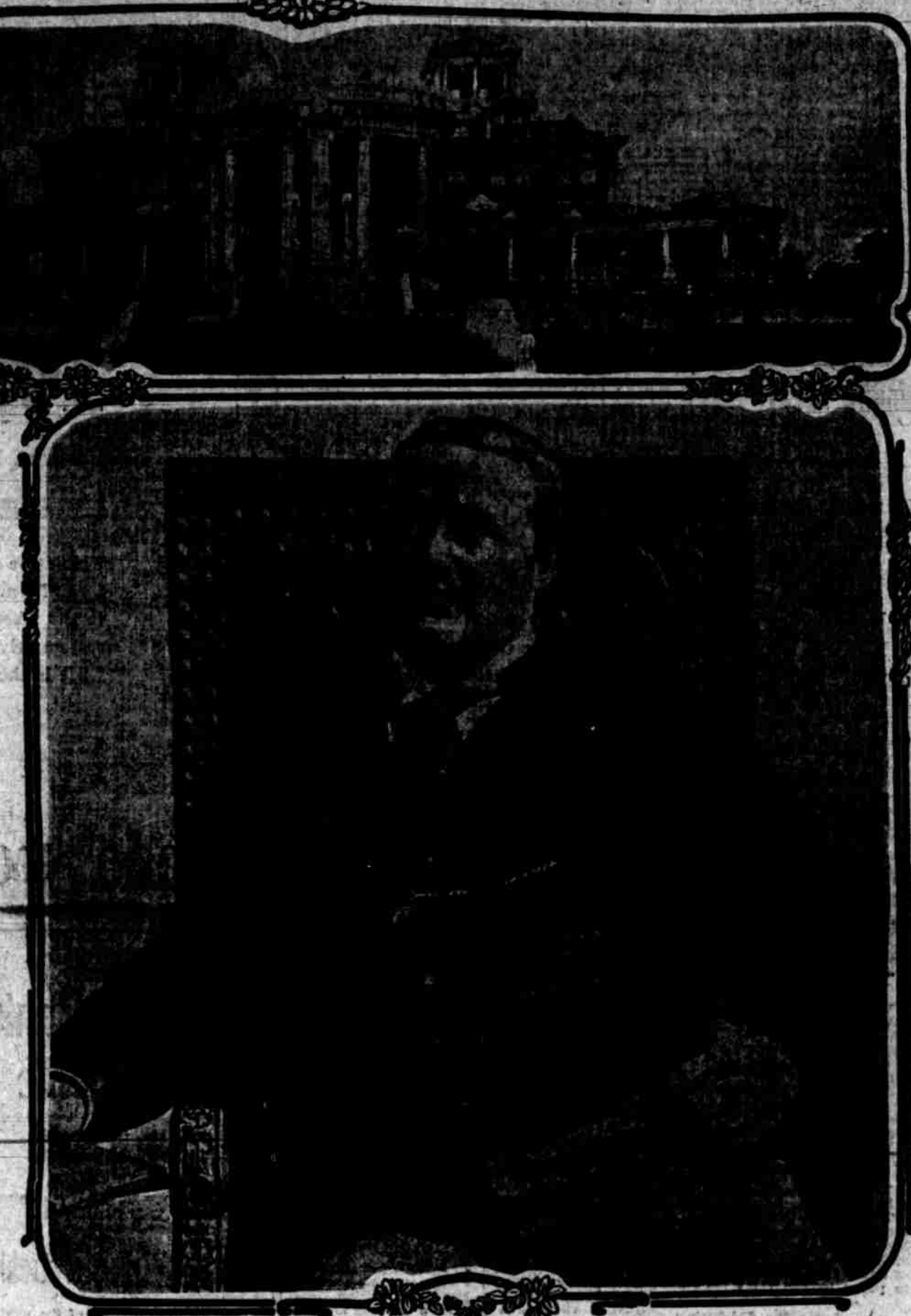
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John A. McCall, President of the New York Life Insurance Company and His \$150,000 Summer Residence on the New Jersey Coast, "The White House by the Sea."

LAWSON SAYS M'CALL SWORE FALSELY ABOUT BOND INVESTMENTS

President of New York Life Handled Without Gloves by Frenzied Financier—Fifteen Millions Declared to Have Been Stolen From Insurance Policy-Holders.

After an adjournment of days the legislative committee investigating life insurance again met this morning and resumed its inquiry.

The first witness called was Henry Rogers Winthrop, financial manager of the Equitable Life, who told about the syndicate operations of his company. He was questioned by Attorney Hughes regarding several bond deals, which he was unable to give information on last week.

Shortly I am going to New York and arrange to start a fight against the insurance robberies. I shall form committees in each state and from these general groups we will form a central committee and go after the tricksters.

"To facilitate matters I shall lease Madison Square garden and make the expense a personal matter. Then we will take steps to pull every one of the star witnesses out of their burrows and make them tell what they know about the syndicate deals."

SAYS PACKERS USE METHODS OF CRIMINALS

Chicago, Sept. 27.—District Attorney Morrison appeared in the federal court today and asked that the plea in abatement be taken off the docket. He declared they were solely for the purpose of delaying the trial and accused the defendants of resorting to the ordinary methods employed by common criminals. He addressed the court for several hours. The arguments are expected to last several days.

GUNBOAT IS LOST IN TYPHOON

United States Ship Leite Goes to Bottom in Storm That Swept Philippines.

GOVERNMENT POST AT MALABI DEMOLISHED

Washington, Sept. 27.—General Corbin telegraphs from Manila that the typhoon of yesterday caused great damage throughout the Philippine islands as well as in Manila. Thousands of natives in remote sections are homeless and many towns completely demolished.

Great Damage Throughout Islands Reported—Ten Thousand People Homeless and Thousands of Buildings Destroyed in Manila.

The government post at Malabi was totally destroyed, but so far as known there were no casualties. Admiral Rafter cables that the gunboat Leite was lost in the storm. No one was aboard of her at the time. The craft was captured from Spain and was practically worthless.

EMPLOYERS ARRESTED FOR IMPORTING LABOR

New York, Sept. 27.—Warrants have been issued by the United States district attorney for the arrest of 11 heads of manufacturing concerns on the charge of having conspired through the medium of an employers' association to violate the contract labor law by the importation of foreign labor. The penalty if convicted is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than two years.

CAREFUL CENSUS METHODS SHOW GREAT GROWTH

Manager Clinton of Polk Directory, After Months of Work, Proves Old Guess a Poor One.

Every Means of Computation Tells How Greatly Assessor Sigler Erred in Making the Returns at Only 110,000.

Portland's population is 160,000. The enumeration of Assessor B. D. Sigler for 1905 has been proved to be absurdly inadequate.

The increase for the past year has approximated 12,000, and for the past five years the ratio of growth has been the same as that from 1904 to 1905, or about 70,000.

Having completed compilation of the 1905 directory, and with final proof sheets before her, Mrs. H. M. Clinton, manager of the directory business of R. L. Polk & Co. in this territory, today gave out figures that prove these claims to be true and demonstrate that this city has not stunted along the roadway of progress, as the census of the assessor would seem to show, but has been triumphantly in the front of the march.

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FIGHT REVOLVER DUEL FOR 20 MILES IN CLOSED EXPRESS CAR

Messengers Shoot at Each Other From Behind Barricades of Packages While Train Speeds Along Fifty Miles an Hour—Both Combatants Fatally Wounded.

Decatur, Ill., Sept. 27.—While the train was running at 50 miles an hour a fatal duel was fought in a closed express car of the east-bound passenger car from the Washburn from Bement, Illinois, to this city this morning, between J. E. Ryan, express messenger, and a former messenger named Greene.

Both men were so exhausted from bleeding that they were unable to reload their revolvers. They were taken to the hospital and physicians state that there is no chance that either will recover.

SALOONS MAY CLOSE TO OBSERVE PORTLAND DAY

The interest in Portland day has become so general, with 100,000 as the slogan, that even the saloons may close, regardless of the fact that Saturday is their biggest day.

J. E. Kelly, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association, stated today that he would immediately call a meeting of the organization and suggest to the liquor men that they close their places of business and subscribe an amount sufficient to take all saloon employes into the fair on Portland day.

All sorts of amusements will be offered during the day. There will be a parade in the morning, and a long distance flight in the afternoon.