

# CITY SHOULD OWN DOCKS AND BELT RAILWAY, SAYS MAYOR

## In Annual Message to the Council Urges Broad Plans to Acquire Public Utilities

### CONTROL OF WATERFRONT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

Indispensable to the Proper Development of Portland's Great Opportunities as a Port-Free Docks Needed.

EQUAL EXECUTION OF THE LAWS FOR ALL IS MAYOR'S AMBITION

Only the Best Men Wanted for the City's Service and This Must Be the Rule in All Civil Service Appointments.

Mayor Harry Lane in his annual message to the city council, filed with the city auditor today, declares himself in favor of the municipal ownership of public utilities. His message gives a review of the conditions existing in the different administrative departments and contains many recommendations for the betterment of the public service.

He favors the municipal ownership of belt railway lines over which all railroads will be accorded equal privileges.

He further favors the municipal ownership of all docks and says that the old unwholesome sheds that now line the waterfront should be torn down and replaced with stone or concrete structures.

Public Ownership. Following are other recommendations:

Public ownership of rock quarries and rock crushers for the purpose of furnishing material to improve streets, thereby saving a large sum of money each year.

The organization of a municipal garbage department under the city charter, to care for the gathering and reduction of the city's refuse.

The establishment of an emergency and detention hospital.

The reorganization of the city health department, that better results may be obtained.

The expenditure of more money than in former years for street cleaning and sprinkling.

Greater economy by the people in the consumption of city water, brought about by the installation of meters.

Terracing of Portland and other heights of the city instead of making unwholesome cuts and fills for street purposes.

Common Sense vs. Red Tape.

Mayor Lane expresses himself in favor of common sense methods in municipal civil service, which will permit the city to get the best men for the public service, as believes the prime object of the civil service law is to promote the efficiency of the public service and to prevent the discharge of public servants for political, religious or merely personal reasons. The text of his message is published on page six.

After reviewing the different departments the mayor concluded his message as follows:

"It may be well to state briefly the general plan of administration of the city's affairs which I have set out to pursue so far as they relate to that portion which has been entrusted to me.

"I shall deem the equal execution of

the city's laws as they exist upon the ordinances book, to all alike, both rich and poor, without fear or favor, so far as in my power lies, the matter of first consideration.

"The welfare of the public and its interests will be considered of greater importance than the gain of the private individual at all times.

Change for Franchises. "Public franchises or public streets should never be parted with without full and proper compensation being made to the public to whom they belong.

"I believe in an exact enforcement of all contracts between the city and all others to the end that neither the city nor the contractor suffer any injustice.

"To accomplish this I am quite willing to meet more than half way all efforts in these directions upon your part.

General Improvements. "In a general way I wish to suggest that the greatest asset which this city has now, or ever will possess, is its commerce. Portland is a shipping port. Large facilities then, for the entrance of all railways to the city and ample accommodations with the coast of furnishing deep harbor, become matters of first importance. To this end I deem it of vital importance that the city either own or have absolute supervision over a line of railway along the entire waterfront over the tracks of which all railroad lines can run cars on equal terms. That the harbor lines be straightened and the harbor deepened so that the largest ships can come to our wharves; that the wharves or docks themselves either be owned or supervised by the city to the purpose that the largest ships can come to our wharves; shall be as small as possible, commensurate with the cost of furnishing such privileges. If they were free, it would be still better.

Better Docks. "The unwholesome sheds along the waterfront should be replaced by concrete or stone structures, up-to-date and adapted to our needs.

"In closing I wish to express my sincere thanks to the able gentlemen of the executive board and other boards who have freely given their time and best efforts to the business affairs of the city. Likewise I am grateful to the gentlemen at the heads of the different departments for efficient work faithfully done. To the employees of the city, who in reality are the backbone of the executive department of the city, who work to the city's interest alone and render unto it the best of their ability.

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Photograph of the Barricades and Wire Entanglements Erected in the Streets of Moscow by the Strikers and Mutinous Soldiers in Their Fight Against the Troops.

### SWALLOWED UP BY EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTHERN PART OF ITALY

District About Potenza Is Rent by Severe Seismic Shocks—Fourteen Bodies Are Recovered From the Ruins—Hospitals Are Filled With Injured.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Jan. 5.—A cable to the Herald from Rome says: At Gemmano, a town of 8,500 inhabitants in the province of Potenza, the earth suddenly opened, engulfing 10 houses and shattering many others, which threaten to fall. Many persons were buried in the ruins. Fourteen bodies have been recovered and the hospitals are filled with the injured. The earthquake did considerable damage in the city of Potenza, which is in the heart of the district. A number of buildings were cracked and many persons injured by falling debris. Potenza has a population of about 30,000 and the inhabitants are panic-stricken.

The hill on which the present city stand was originally occupied by an ancient citadel and during the Roman empire was a flourishing place. The town was destroyed by an earthquake in 1372 and the erection of the present town dates from that event. The town is in the same degree of latitude as the volcano Vesuvius and is subject to frequent seismic disturbances as are all of the other towns of Basilicata, southern Italy. A second great earthquake partly destroyed Potenza in 1634 and the town was again visited by an earthquake in 1857, when in Basilicata alone 32,475 persons were killed and the greater part of Potenza left in ruins.

### ROUGH TREATMENT FOR WOMAN

Caller at Executive Offices Ruthlessly Hustled Out by Secretary Barnes.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Jan. 5.—A handsomely attired woman about 50 years old entered the executive offices yesterday afternoon and asked for Secretary Loeb. A messenger took the secretary a card bearing the name Mrs. Miner Morris, Assistant Secretary Barnes was sent to see the woman. She said she wanted to see the president to discuss the reinstatement of her husband, who had been discharged from one of the departments. She refused to leave and grew excited and was finally carried from the building screaming. The sympathies of the public this morning are on the side of Mrs. Morris. The woman is prostrated as the result of the unceremonious treatment she received and is under the care of a physician. Friends state that without being given a chance to state the object of her visit, secret service agents were at once called by Secretary Barnes and the woman hustled out by main force. In endeavoring to accomplish her removal, the officers grew rough and handled her severely. The president is said to have expressed great displeasure over the incident and has ordered a thorough investigation of the affair. Secretary Barnes has been asked to make an explanation to the president personally, and it is understood will be severely taken to task for his uncalculated rudeness. In speaking of the matter this morning, Secretary Barnes said that he took the woman for one of the host of cranks who are especially attracted to the White House and determined to take no chances, so ordered her ejection before she should have time to carry out any supposed outrage.

### STANDARD OIL PLANS GRAND COUP TO FINISH LAWSON FOREVER

Would Pay Big Dividend on Amalgamated, Covering Many Back Payments—Harriman and Hill Battle on 'Change—Schiff Scores, Then Shears the Shorts.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Jan. 5.—The Amalgamated Standard Oil forces would put Lawson out of business for all time. Here is the plan presented according to a leading brokerage house. The Amalgamated Copper company will pay a dividend of 5 per cent hereafter and for all time since the company was organized in 1899. Amalgamated is now on a 5 per cent basis, being lately advanced from 4 per cent in order to fool Lawson as much as possible and cause the stock to advance instead of decline when the Boston operator was doing his utmost to make the Standard Oil forces take water. The advancing of the dividend upon Amalgamated to 5 per cent and the payment of this dividend to all stockholders of record since the organization of the company is a very big piece of work and there are some circles that think it can be accomplished. If it is, however, it can have but one effect—the instant advance of the Amalgamated price to figures at present undreamed of even by the bulls. That's the way they intend to break Lawson and his friends, for it is believed that the big bear is heavily short of the stock as well as his friends. Just to show what even the mere announcement of such a course would do, the price of Amalgamated went up very rapidly during the session of today and the closing was over 14 a share higher than yesterday. Following the lead of the parent company, Anaconda Copper stocks were boosted during the day and advanced rapidly until there was a rise of 2 1/2 points in the price over that of yesterday. This was at the closing.

There were many events of interest on the stock exchange today, principal among them being the heavy buying of Union Pacific by people supposed to be acting for the Hill interest, and the drop in call money rates to 1 per cent just before the closing. Early in the day some of the brokers received tips that there would be something of interest in Union Pacific, and the news spread with great rapidity. Never was such buying of the Union Pacific shown on the local exchange in recent years as today. Every one wanted to buy and there were few willing to sell even at the great advance in the price offered on every side. Union Pacific overshadowed everything on the floor of the exchange during the session and the closing of the market resulted in a net rise of nearly 14 in the price over that of yesterday. The speech of Schiff yesterday before the chamber of commerce was another event that made today's prices interesting. Every one was willing to take the banker's word for it that financial conditions were bad and every one sold stock short. This advice was especially accepted by London and that market went broke today as a result of the tremendous rise in values here. Failures of brokers there are expected likewise. In regard to Union Pacific it is now rumored that Hill has almost secured a controlling interest in the big corporation and when he did there would be some changes in the map of the Pacific Coast. Holders of Southern Pacific did not relish the idea of Hill securing control of the Union Pacific and that issue did not follow in the lead of the big Harriman road. The great rises in the copper and some of the railroads caused the general market to follow suit and some heavy rises were shown in many financial issues. There was a rise of nearly \$2.50 in Sugar Refining and over \$2.50 a share in American Smelter common stock. Reading Railway common advanced nearly \$2.50 a share and American Locomotive was nearly \$2 higher at the closing today than yesterday. The steel issues followed suit and Tennessee Coal & Iron rose somewhat over \$3 a share and Steel advanced \$1. The statements of Banker Jacob Schiff are approved by many financiers including Lyman J. Gage and Frank A. Vanderlip, both of whom declare that the currency should be so reformed without delay so as to provide a more elastic medium of exchange. would hesitate to give a dose of laudanum, sufficient to end the suffering and life together, to the victim of an accident; from the torturing effects which recovery is impossible.

### TO AVOID BRIGHT'S DISEASE USE BUT LITTLE SALT

Physician Blames Excessive Use of Sodium Chloride as Cause of Kidney Troubles.

### STEAMER CAUGHT BETWEEN BARGE OF DYNAMITE AND PROMONTORY

With Sixty-Mile Gale Blowing, Members of Crew, in Constant Danger of Being Blown to Atoms, Struggle Six Hours to Extricate Boat From Predicament.

Pinned between the rocky shores of Cape Horn and a barge loaded of dynamite and powder, the little steamer Stranger of the Regular line's fleet had a close call the other day from either being blown to atoms or dashed to pieces against the precipice. The wind was sweeping down the canyon at a velocity of about 60 miles an hour. The stranger arrived at Portland this morning after a month's absence in transporting explosives from Katama to the various railroad camps on the upper Columbia river. Their adventure at Cape Horn when they all expected to be sent to stately by fast express was told by the officers and crew. As the little craft with the unwieldy load of powder was working her way up the swift channel against the gale, the wind suddenly changed and struck her broadside with full force. Immediately she began to drift toward the shore in a few moments she struck and began to pound against the rocks. The barge was loaded with 65 tons of dynamite and other explosives. The perpendicular rocks to the starboard towering up toward the skies for hundreds of feet without a break made it impossible for them to effect their escape. Their only recourse was to remain on the steamer or perch themselves on the dynamite, say their prayers and patiently wait for the end. Then the members of the crew spied a steamer coming up the river. It proved to be the Dallas City and they lost no time in signaling her. But the wind was still blowing with terrific fury and it was impossible for her to go to their assistance. Realizing that it would be useless to wait longer for help, the men went to work with a will and after about six hours of hard labor succeeded in extricating the Stranger from her perilous position. She was then taken up stream a short distance, where the dangerous cargo was discharged. The steamer will leave this afternoon for Katama to get another barge of explosives, which she will tow to the upper Columbia.

### MILLION DOLLARS GRAFTED BY ST. LOUIS POLICE

Dive-Keeper and Panel-Worker Makes Confession—Divided Loot With Officers.

### DRIPS DEAD IN VIEWING THE REMAINS OF FRIEND

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—While viewing the remains of a friend, William Lynch, in an undertaking establishment on Mission street last night, Maurice Griffin dropped dead. Griffin entered the undertaking parlors with a friend. While passing through the door he complained of a pain in his left side and remarked that he feared his heart was failing. When the cover hiding the face of the dead man slid back Griffin fell in a swoon. He was carried to the rear room and died in a few minutes. Boy Killed While Counting. (Journal Special Service.) Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 5.—Lorin Snowball, a boy, while coasting down hill on Third street, ran under a street car and was instantly killed today.

### GOVERNMENT EXPECTS WAR IN PHILIPPINES

New York, Jan. 5.—A special to the Tribune from New Orleans says: Major C. J. T. Clark, United States army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, says that the war department is already making preparations to suppress an uprising which might occur in the Philippines, and this is the reason why so many troops are being prepared for immediate service in the Philippines, so that they may be near the seat of hostilities in case of trouble. Clark is hastening to his regiment, as he expects to be one of the first regiments sent to the Philippines.

### DEATH LIST IN MINE REACHES TWENTY-ONE

Bluefields, W. Va., Jan. 5.—It is definitely learned today that 21 miners were killed as the result of the fire damp explosions at Coaldale yesterday. Only one body has so far been recovered. Smoke and gas are retarding the rescue parties.

### COMMITTEE SOON TO CONSIDER RATE BILL

Washington, Jan. 5.—The freight rate regulation bill will be given its first consideration by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce January 11.

### DRYDOCK DEWEY IS OPPOSITE BERMUDA

(Journal Special Service.) Hamilton, Bermuda, Jan. 5.—The United States tug Potomac, a member of the fleet conveying the big destroyer Dewey to Manila, put in here today for coal and provisions. The Dewey was left hundreds of miles off this port, which she will pass tomorrow.

### AMERICANS PREPARE FOR CHINESE CAMPAIGN

Manila, Jan. 5.—The American forces are under the impression that the Chinese are preparing for a campaign against the United States. The Chinese are believed to be gathering troops and supplies in the vicinity of Manila. The American forces are being alerted and are preparing for a possible conflict. The Chinese are believed to be planning a surprise attack on the American forces in Manila. The American forces are being alerted and are preparing for a possible conflict. The Chinese are believed to be planning a surprise attack on the American forces in Manila.

### FAVORS THE SLAUGHTER OF HOPELESS MANIACS

Dr. Charles Elliot Norton Encourages Maud Ballington Booth in Her Campaign.