

GOOD EVENING

THE WEATHER. Fair and cooler tonight, with possibly light frost; Sunday fair and warmer; winds shifting to northwest.

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TROLLEY CAR MEN FORMING UNION

PORTLAND CONDUCTORS AND MOTORMEN ARE QUIETLY ORGANIZING

DECLARE THEY HAVE RIGHT TO FORM COMBINE

In Past Streetcar Employes Have Tried to Form Active Organization and Have Failed—Company Officials Are Reticent About Discussing Matter. Over Five Hundred Join.

Streetcar motormen and conductors of Portland, who were forbidden by the Portland Consolidated Railway company to hold membership in a labor organization, are forming a union. Meetings have been held during the last week and large numbers of the men have taken the obligation. More than 500 of the 700 conductors and motormen in the city have signed a preliminary application for membership. The movement covers all electric lines.

The preparatory work is being carried on by officials of the Federated Trades council, and they are administering the obligation at meetings that have been held. It is expected that Mr. Cornelius of Detroit, a member of the executive committee of the national organization, will arrive in Portland next week to complete the organization and affiliate it with the national body. He has been in San Francisco for some time, attending to relief work that has been done there for members of the San Francisco streetcar union.

Will Use Old Charter. The Portland men will organize, it is said, under the old charter that was used by the men on the Portland Railway company's lines prior to the consolidation of that company with the City & Suburban company. This charter is Division No. 181 of the Amalgamated Association of Street & Electric Railway Employees of America. The men are extremely reticent when approached on the subject. They refuse to give any of the details of the project, alleging that they will be in danger of losing their positions should the facts be known at this time. The most of them, when accepting their present places, signed a paper to the effect that they would not during the period of their employment by the Portland Railway company become members of any streetcar men's union. Some of them are so conscientious, it is said, that they regard this agreement as binding, and have not yet consented to join the new organization. The large mass of men look upon the agreement as an abridgement of their personal liberty, and say one of their principal motives in joining the union is to demonstrate that they have the right to do so. They have other grievances, including long hours of work and discharge without a hearing.

On the lines of the Oregon Water

Power & Railway company it is said that of nearly 100 men employed all but about 15 have signed the application to join the Amalgamated. There are about 600 conductors and motormen employed on the lines of the Portland Railway company, and reports indicate that more than 400 have joined.

The first issue expected to arise will involve the very existence of the organization. It is the expressed will of the Portland Railway company that it will not recognize a labor organization on its lines, and will not knowingly employ a member of the union. At the time of consolidation of the City and Suburban and the old Portland Railway company there was a union on the lines of the Portland Railway company. Manager P. E. Fuller, who was made president and manager of the consolidated companies under the Clark and Seligman ownership, announced to the men that the policy of the company would be to exclude unionism from the lines and that they would have to give up their membership if they wished to continue in the company's employ. The men elected to disband their union and remain with the company, but they held to their charter, and have kept it in good standing in the amalgamated association. Under this charter the organization is now being formed, embracing the Portland Railway company's consolidated lines and the Oregon Water Power & Railway company.

Sentiment Is Strong. Action taken at the meetings thus far held is said to show a strong sentiment in favor of organization. At one barn meeting, where 55 men assembled, there were 55 signatures to the list of applications for membership. At another barn 93 were present and 60 signed the list. A meeting where about 50 were in attendance resulted in the affiliation of all but four.

Some time ago some of the men brought up the question of the monthly assessment of a hospital fund, which has been the custom for years on the lines. The company deducts 50 cents a month from each man's pay and turns it into a hospital fund. When any employee is injured or ill he receives from this fund sufficient money to pay

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It's a Hard Tune to Follow.

PRESIDIO ROOF ABLAZE HOLD PANAMA HILL'S BOATS BY FRAUD ARE SOLD

Panlo Among San Francisco Refugees Caused by Fire at Barracks—Chill Wind Makes Life Uncomfortable.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, May 12.—A heavy chill-laden wind last night and this morning made the tent life of the refugees uncomfortable and rendered passage through the streets hazardous. Great clouds of dust were blown throughout the burnt district, but it did not seem to daunt the thousands of sight-seers, the majority of whom are women. Following the mayor's order, the work of concentrating in refugee camps will begin immediately. The roof of the cantonment barracks at the Presidio caught fire last night, creating a panic among the refugees camped about the barracks. The soldiers extinguished the flames, but not until the entire roof was consumed. Large manufacturers of Portland cement have announced a uniform rate of \$2.25 a barrel, which is considered low. Several new plants for the manufacture of cement are being constructed in this vicinity. Lime is quoted at \$1.75 for finishing quality and \$1.50 for common. This is a slight advance since the fire. Brick is quoted at about \$19 a thousand. With these nominal prices there will be no delay in rebuilding on the score of cost. The grand total of subscriptions to date is \$6,115,371.19.

Amador Government Using Police to Keep Liberals From Polls and Maintain Control of Affairs.

(Journal Special Service.) Kingston, Jamaica, May 12.—A sensational statement made by George W. Jiminez of the New York police, returning from Panama, lays bare the determination of the Amador government to control the coming elections by fraud. Jiminez went to the isthmus last October on a year's leave of absence under contract with the Panamanian government to reorganize the police on a New York basis. He says the force has recently been enormously increased and many detachments sent to the interior with instructions to prevent the Liberals from registering or voting. He adds: "I was recently instructed that the police force was not intended to preserve order, but to be used to control elections, and my part was to see that policemen voted as often as possible and prevented the opposition from reaching the polls. 'I replied that I was an American and would not do that for my own country or any other. I resigned on the spot. Everybody on the isthmus knows the Liberals by force and fraud are to be prevented from winning and all expect a revolution.'"

Steamers Minnesota and Dakota, Giants of the Pacific, Are Purchased by Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line.

From information received here this morning the stars and stripes which have waved over James J. Hill's ocean greyhounds, the Minnesota and Dakota, are to be hoisted under the banner of Nippon Yusen Kaisha. It has been learned from an authentic source that the Great Northern Steamship company has sold these two vessels to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, a Japanese line plying between Puget sound and oriental ports. It is understood that negotiations have been in progress for some time, but so secretly have they been conducted that no intimation of the proposed deal has leaked out until today. The formal transfer may not be made for some time, but that the sale has been consummated there is little doubt. That the Great Northern Steamship company has not been a paying proposition has been an open secret for some time. It is said that the Minnesota and Dakota have been operated at a loss since being put into commission. It was undertaken to manage the steamers from Chicago, and, according to those in a position to know, this arrangement proved unsatisfactory. The steaming line is merely an extension of the Great Northern railway system. Owing to the enormous dimensions of the steamers special docks were erected at Smith's Cove, near Seattle, where they load and discharge their freight and passengers. The Minnesota and Dakota are the largest steamers ever constructed in America. They were brought around the horn about a year ago from Newport News and immediately placed on the run between Seattle and the orient. They are twin screw steamers, 530 feet in length and have a displacement of 26,718 tons. It was the dream of James J. Hill to crush the oriental trade for his railroad lines with these vessels, but it is evident that his great expectations have not been realized. The little brown men having demonstrated their superiority in the far east are now reaching out for the commercial supremacy of the Pacific.

SEA LEVEL CANAL IS FAVORED BY SENATE

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, May 12.—The senate committee has voted 5 even on the type of the Panama canal. The final determination will be postponed until Wednesday. It is understood that the sea level plan will be favored then.

SHOOT HIMSELF IN PRESENCE OF BANKERS

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, May 12.—Albert Portlock, aged 28, of Memphis, Tennessee, attempted to commit suicide in the Northern Trust company's banking room today. He shot himself in the presence of the depositors. Unrequited love is the cause. He will probably die.

ITALIAN STRIKE COLLAPSES

Rome, May 12.—The strike here has collapsed. Railroad men who were out, numbering thousands, are returning to work. At Naples the strikers have all returned to their places after a week, in which there was more or less rioting and disturbance.

PULAJANES ON THE WARPATH

Fierce Natives of Samar Make Raid, Kill One, Wound Seven, Loot and Burn Town, Escape With Twenty Prisoners.

(Journal Special Service.) Manila, May 12.—Another raid by the Pulajanes in Samar with fatal results is reported this morning. One person was killed and seven wounded by the outlaw natives who entered Inabangan by Barrio Wright, Samar. The Pulajanes looted and burned a score of houses and then fled taking 20 prisoners with them. The natives' constabulary and troops are pursuing the raiders into their mountain fastness. A battle is expected within the next day or two. General Leonard Wood in accordance

with the war department's decision is preparing troops in the Philippines for a possible campaign in China. A system of field marches and target practice by sham battles has been outlined and a program is being followed. The department is somewhat handicapped in case it should be necessary to invade China, by the diversion of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of supplies destined for China, for relief work at San Francisco. It is estimated that more than \$1,000,000 destroyed in the fire and earthquake belonging to the department of the Philippines.

PRISONERS' APPEAL LOUDLY CHEERED BY MEMBERS OF DOUMA

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, May 12.—The duma resumed its sittings this morning. Chairman Mourontseff read telegrams of greeting from many foreign and domestic societies. Messengers presenting the support were also received from the universities of Moscow and Odessa.

stating that if reforms were passed the support of the people would follow. Messages from political prisoners demanding amnesty were greeted with cheers. Mourontseff asserted authority over Deputy Anikens, who demanded that the duma consider amnesty before its organization.

PORTLAND CHIEF TRADE CENTER OF THE COAST

Destruction of San Francisco Causes Eyes of Western Commercial World to Turn This Way—Hawaii, the Orient and California Will Trade Here in the Future.

With a realization of the fact that Portland is now the leading wholesale and produce market on the Pacific coast, and that this immensely important commercial position may be maintained if the proper course is pursued, Portland wholesale merchants are making the first move toward following up the enormous expansion of trade that has resulted here from the destruction of San Francisco. Traveling men are being sent into the larger territory and the business formerly controlled by the California metropolis is being brought into Portland. It is believed that individual efforts of Portland wholesale and manufacturing interests, while to a considerable extent successful in this effort, will not secure the full measure of results merited unless there is an organized and united movement by Portland commercial interests. The first feelings of sympathy for a sister city in distress have been indulged to the full extent and \$250,000 has been contributed toward relieving that distress. All business considerations were for the time swept aside. Many large houses in this city have waited for San Francisco to recover her senses and look about to see what she may be able to do to retain her prestige.

visions, which we are trying to figure out a way for filling promptly. The expansion of our trade territory has been so sudden and enormous that we were not fully organized to meet it. We are sending our men into the coast country formerly supplied from San Francisco. All this trade is being brought into Portland. The Sandwich islands are calling upon us for all kinds of commodities. Must Soon Get Together. In Alaska there is a large line of trade that was formerly controlled by San Francisco, and that could be taken over practically entirely by Portland if we were properly provided with ocean transportation facilities. It is a very serious question. The fact that large problems in transportation confront the city, and that they cannot be solved without the united force of the commercial interests, leads to the belief that Portland business men will soon be obliged to get together on some plan that will provide a way to securing everything they desire. They cannot afford to lose time if they are to benefit by the natural advantages this city unquestionably possesses. The sound cities are awake and intensely active, and they are making strenuous efforts to overcome all disadvantages in the way of their securing San Francisco trade.

The Field Is Calling. The full extent of the calamity to her business interests is now comprehended. The outside trade of San Francisco is unable to draw upon its former sources of supply for anything, and has turned to Portland. The commercial interests of this city have been obliged to set aside considerations of sentiment and meet the situation as it is, stripped of all but business. The field is calling, and if Portland does not take possession of this city she will go to other cities east and north. Orders are overwhelming the wholesalers and manufacturers of this city. The demand for goods comes from a wide stretch of territory, from Honolulu to Alaska. A leading jobber said: "We have been working day and night, with double shifts, to keep up with our orders. The entire force of this house is working overtime, and we do not see our way out yet. Here is a large order from Honolulu for groceries and pro-

The Chance That Now Exists. It is now realized that many years will be required to rebuild the physical San Francisco. The attention of our citizens will be to a great extent devoted to home questions. Naturally Portland's business advancement will be very largely stimulated, and when the time again comes for San Francisco to enter the field fully armored for the battle of competitive trade, Portland will have made a long stride ahead, and will be solidly fortified in a reigning position in coast and Oriental commerce—if her mercantile and manufacturing interests fully meet present emergencies.

TURKEY BLUFFED BY BRITAIN

Sultan Recedes From His Position and Agrees to Abandon Disputed Egyptian Territory as Demanded.

(Journal Special Service.) Constantinople, May 12.—It is announced today that Turkey has accepted England's demands for evacuating Tabah and the Egyptian territory on the Sinai peninsula and the joint demarcation of the frontier conditionally. Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, called at the British embassy today with fresh proposals in regard to the controversy, which are virtually a compliance with Britain's demands. The Turkish government asks that a mixed tribunal determine the exact frontier. It is believed that the British will consent. The crisis is considered past.

Compliance with Great Britain's request has alone prevented drastic action on the part of England. Had the sultan not yielded before tomorrow, the British fleet would have made a demonstration in order to forcibly secure the section of Turks from Egyptian territory and from forts which the Turks have seized without warning. The British squadron, under the command of Admiral Lord Bessborough, is at Athens ready to sail. Prince Henry of Battenberg's cruiser squadron is already under way and preparations were completed for landing parties should Turkey continue obdurate.

MORE FEATURES THAN EVER IN THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

No paper in the Pacific Northwest equals The Sunday Journal. Get it once and you will always want it. Here are a few of the good things it contains this Sunday: An article illustrated in colors telling of how thousands of negroes are captured every year and sold into slavery. An article illustrated in colors telling of the latest achievements in airship navigation. A typewriter recently performed the remarkable feat of writing more than 5,000 words in an hour while blindfolded. This is an interesting story of a great feat. Another feature tells of how workers in deadly trades are protected.

Honolulu has one of the best educational systems in the world. Miss Molly Proebstel, who went to Hawaii as a special commissioner for The Journal with the Journal party, has written a most entertaining article of personal investigation of the schools of the island. American ambassadors abroad live in regal splendor. If you want to know something of their life at foreign courts, read this article by a special writer. Pete, the regular bear of the City Park Zoo, talks this week to the children of the different times he got out of the bear pit and played tricks on Herman, his keeper. These are only a few of the good things. Don't forget the colored comic pictures for the children. The women have their page, one of fashions by Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Symes' page on health and beauty.

Cleveland, May 12.—Dr. Hansen, whose benign, bald countenance smiles from each package of chewing gum bearing his name, is endeavoring to have his picture engraved on the 113 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch pieces of "total tobacco" for the national issue.

GUMMAKER BEEMAN TRYING TO GET AN INCREASED PENSION

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