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STRIKE WILL BE ENDED IN FOUR DAYS

BOTH SIDES SAV BATTLE WILL CLOSE

Telegraphers and Companies
Each Claim Victory—All
Railroad Operators Will
Walk Out Unless Some
Agreement Is Reached.

Business Men Sign Petition
to President Asking for
Peace—Strikers Believe
They Cannot Lose Any of
the Points Asked.

(Special Special Service.)

New York, Aug. 31.—Following the signing of the petition by 50,000 business men asking President Roosevelt to use his influence to restore telegraphic conditions to the state to which the business interests of the country are entitled, it is said some mysterious influence is at work to bring about a settlement of the strike.

There is reason to believe that unless there is a quick settlement the railroad telegraphers will become involved. J. Small, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, received a message from Chicago that within 48 hours the relations between the railroad telegraphers and railroads have become greatly strained, and he expressed the opinion that unless conditions were remedied the telegraphers will walk out. That the telegraphers' strike will come to an end in four days both companies and striking operators agree. But each side asserted that the other side would give in.

Superintendent Brooks Brags.
Superintendent Brooks of the Western Union said he felt confident the strikers would capitulate before next week. "Empty pockets will send them back to work. In the meantime we can handle our business as usual," he said. The telegraphers' strike received the greatest boost since its inauguration today when it was announced that a conference of New York business men, distinguished by the conduct of the Postal and Telegraph Union companies since the strike began, had agreed to appeal to President Roosevelt for relief.

This conference, according to the reports, declared that millions of dollars of business had been lost to them through the unfounded claims of the

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REGATTA ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

Astoria Thronged Now With
Visitors Drawn From All
Parts of State Who Will
Attend Water Events and
County Fair.

Portland Fleet Is Arriving
—Power Races Will Sur-
pass Any Former Event—
Festivities Open Monday
Morning.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Aug. 31.—Preparations for the thirteenth annual regatta and county fair are now practically completed and Monday morning will see one of the gayest throngs that ever visited this city to celebrate the popular event.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening the Norwegian saengerfest will attract thousands of those who are now assembling here for a few days of recreation and entertainment and then the regatta and fair proper will begin in earnest the following morning. A grand time is promised everybody and Mayor Wise as well as the officials of the affair are doing their utmost to make all feel welcome when they arrive. The fleet of yachts and power boats from Portland are expected here hourly and it is supposed that the forerunners will arrive this afternoon. Indications are that the power boat races this year will surpass anything ever attempted in that line in Pacific northwest waters and possibly on the Pacific coast. There are more fast boats now in operation than during the last regatta or ever before and this has stimulated particular interest in these events.

Musicians Gathering.
Word has been received from Portland that among the power boats will be J. C. Ainsworth's Rochester, John Wolff's Vixen, Walter Honeyman's Nancy and half a dozen others. These boats are expected to arrive here tomorrow morning and on this morning the saengerfest is drawing large crowds from all parts of the Pacific northwest, including Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, and other Washington cities, going to swell the ranks of the hundreds of visitors who came from Portland on this morning's train and another large delegation is

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OFFICIALS OF ASTORIA REGATTA AND SAENGERFEST



CHARLES H. CALLENDER, ADMIRAL. L. A. LARSEN, LEADER NORWEGIAN SINGERS. W. H. SCHIMPER, PRESIDENT.

ELECTROLYSIS IS EATING UP PIPES

Dr. Raffety Proposes a Simple Remedy to Save Water Mains of the City.

Electrolysis, an electro-chemical decomposition that is eating up water mains all over the city, will be corrected if a plan suggested by the water board this morning by Dr. C. H. Raffety, one of the members, is found practicable. Dr. Raffety has spent considerable time in an effort to solve the electrolysis problem and when he broached the subject at the board meeting was promptly put on a committee to see what relief can be given. So far as known no city in the United States has adopted such a plan, although many of them are complaining of the gradual rusting away of the pipes. Three hundred dollars' worth of copper and a few weeks' work, Dr. Raffety says, is all the expense this city need go to.

The doctor's plan is to belt the main with copper strips at certain intervals with a copper wire running the length of the pipe, conduct the current away from the iron. Worked well in Albina. The only practical demonstration of the proposed method so far made and which proved a success was that adopted in the former Bates private water system in Albina. Mr. Bates forced his pipes from electrolysis and invoked the aid of copper plates and copper wire. He was never troubled again from electrolysis. Owing to the peculiar phenomena connected with electricity it is believed the system will be effectual. It has been tried by members of the board and the greatest trouble from electrolysis is in the Gresham neighborhood, where clay pipes are extensive. Moistened clay is an excellent conductor of electricity and as soon as a current reaches these it is attracted to the pipes and diffuses in the earth. In leaving the pipe the great damage is done. The water in the pipe is transferred into pure oxygen and the latter disappears but the oxygen is attracted to the steel and causes hydrogen gas to be evolved. The gas and consequent punctures of the pipe.

Joined With Electric Current.
Every time a car crosses the Bull Run pipe on the Mount Scott line an electric spark is sent bounding along the main. The effect is said to be worse in winter, owing to the excessive moisture. Other mains are suffering from the same gradual decay and Dr. Raffety believes in time all of them will have to be replaced. Dr. Raffety in outlining the plan to the board this morning said: "Scientific investigation of the peculiar decomposition caused by exposure of water mains to electric currents shows that the pipes are only affected where electricity enters them and where it leaves them again. The chemical explanation of the phenomena is simple. It is an iron pipe, the scientific phenomena that when electricity is conducted through water it separates the hydrogen from the oxygen—the chemical elements composing water. As the electricity enters the pipe it chooses a point where there is moisture, a well-known characteristic of electricity. The elements are separated by the electricity, the hydrogen is freed and the oxygen oxidizes or rusts the iron pipe. This continual action soon perforates the pipe, usually making a small hole less than a half inch in diameter."

Best Fast.
The rusting or oxidation of the pipe takes place faster than the pipe would rust on the surface where it is merely exposed to the air. The reason for this is that the air, for the oxygen separated from the water by the electro-chemical process is almost pure. The purpose to encircle the pipe with a band of copper at places where electric lines cross the water mains; fasten a copper wire to the band leading to a plate in a bed of coke in the ground. This, I believe, will lead off the electricity without touching the pipe. It is a simple device and I should like to see it tried. Three leaks were found in the Bull Run main yesterday and plugged up after much difficulty. Streams several inches in circumference were said to be severed from the aperture in which the workmen finally succeeded in shutting off the flow. All of the punctures were within a distance of 100 feet.

HANGS ON NAIL BY FINGER RING

Long Beach Woman Meets With Mishap While Standing on Chair.

Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Laura Scates of Long Beach was the victim of a peculiar mishap yesterday. While standing on a chair placing a jar of fruit on a high shelf she lost her footing. As she fell a gold band ring on her finger caught on a projecting nail in the wall, and for several minutes her entire weight hung on the finger. It was nearly cut off by the encircling ring before she got free, and she still suffers intensely. A jeweler had to be sent for to saw off the ring. The flesh was torn loose down to the tendons inside of her hand.

FORTY DOLLARS IS PRICE OF CHILDREN

Peasant Attempts to Market Babes at Avellino and Is Put in Jail.

London, Aug. 31.—A Rome dispatch brings a story of an attempt to sell children in the market at Avellino. A peasant and his wife brought two of the children, twins, a month old, and in the market offered to sell them for £40 each. The babies were plump and healthy and were bought by a man who offered the price required. He was taking the children away when the police stepped in and arrested both buyer and seller.

GIGANTIC REBELLION BREWING IN CHINA

Peking, Aug. 31.—The shadow of a gigantic rebellion hovers over the imperial palace. With the arrival of Yuan Shi Kai, commander of the chief Chinese forces, there began today an unusual session of deliberations concerning the condition of the empire. The imperial family believes the Chinese are bent upon unseating the Manchu dynasty. Officials Appointed. Oyster Bay, Aug. 31.—The president today announced the appointment of William M. Cutter, colonel of the mint at San Francisco, August E. Muenster, collector of internal revenue in California, and Edward Sweeney, superintendent of the mint at San Francisco.

CAN YOU READ?

The Sunday Journal is for every one who can read, old and young. Features to every one's taste will be found in this greatest of all newspapers. A few of them are submitted for your approval. Game Fish in Oregon—It is a fact that the streams and lakes of this state afford better sport than is to be found anywhere else in the Union. What Made Portland Famous?—If you want to know the answer to this question read J. L. Wallin's interesting story in the Sunday Journal Magazine. Saving the Forests—By Herbert A. Smith, forest service editor tells of rigorous methods for preservation adopted by Uncle Sam.

YOU WILL LAUGH

Till your sides ache when you see the comic supplement. Joyful, darling Maud meets with a mishap, but her revenge is sweet. Jimmy and Zu-Zu!! Bunk and the Fairy—and others. Jungle Flashlights—Every one likes hunting adventures and the mysteries of the African jungles, in stories. Read of the actual experiences of one man in the wilds. Nobility's Crusade Against Vice—European monarchs at last ashamed of misdeeds of generations and are joining in movement for cleaner morals. Only Union Leased Wires in Portland—There is no strike on The Journal's leased wires and it is the only Portland paper which gives you all the news all the time.

The Captivating Sunday Journal

WOMAN ESCAPES FROM HYPNOTIST

Wealthy Californian Claims That Evil Spell Held Her Four Months.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Carlisle Westbrook, wife of an exporter of San Francisco and owning a big estate in her own name in California fruit lands, has been rescued by the police from a man giving the name of Oscar Krueger, a student in hypnotism, who claimed her as his wife. The couple were living together in a hotel in Houston, the woman supporting the home. The woman declares Krueger hypnotized her four months ago and that the spell was not broken until a few days ago, when she found herself in Houston. She is the mother of three sons, she declares, and her married life has been happy. She met Krueger in San Francisco in the early part of May at a performance. She started for home on writing her husband of the facts. Krueger asserted that the woman eloped with him. He admitted that she supported the household. Mrs. Westbrook speaks several languages and is a highly accomplished singer and pianist.

SINGER FINED FOR DISPLEASING KING

Madame Melba Mars Appears in Police Court With Her Manager.

Marinbad, Aug. 31.—A sequel of King Edward's displeasure at the theatrical performance here last evening, when his majesty left the theatre in disgust owing to the villainess of the songs, was seen in police court today. Herr Laska, manager of the theatre, and Melba Mars, the woman singer, were brought to court and the latter fined \$12 for having given an objectionable song. Laska escaped, as he was ignorant of the woman's intention to sing such a song. The woman's defense was that she believed she was making the performance more attractive.

Peary's Hunt Abandoned.

New York, Aug. 31.—The crew of Peary's steamer Roosevelt will start for home today and the Roosevelt will spend the winter at its present berth. This confirms earlier reports that Peary's fourth trip in search of the pole is abandoned for one year.

WILL FORCE COMPANY TO DO PAVING

Streetcar Rails Will Be Torn
Up by City Unless Corporation
Lives Up to Terms of
Its Franchise and Completes
Work.

Improvement of Thorough-
fares Delayed for Months
by Dilatory Tactics of
Transportation Company
—Council to Get Busy.

(Journal Special Service.)

Drastic measures are being contemplated by the city authorities in dealing with the street improvement question where the tracks of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company are concerned. In the past large street improvement projects have been held up by the company through their failure to lay new tracks according to the specifications of the street committee and the executive board.

At the present time paving contracts are being held up and hindered until the approval of winter will put their completion over for another season, but in the future the executive board will take the situation by the horns and complete its improvements whether or no. Will Tear Up Tracks. It has been decided according to one member of the executive board the next time a contracting company is ready to begin laying pavement after the contract has been duly let by the city authorities and the work provided for by the council, that if the street railway company has not done its share of the improvement by laying new rails according to the requirements of the city, the tracks will be torn up and the city will proceed to pave the whole street just as though no tracks had been on the street.

In the belief of the executive board the opinion recently rendered by City Attorney Kavanaugh regarding the voidable condition of the franchises held by the streetcar company gives the city ample power to enforce improvements.

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HARRIMAN DUE HERE TOMORROW

Railroad Magnate Today Is
Touring Through Great
Wheat and Irrigation
Belts of Crook County—
Special Sent to Shaniko.

Trip Out by Way of Detroit
Given Up—Bend, Prineville
and Madras and Tributary
Country Are Being
Visited by Party.

(Journal Special Service.)

E. H. Harriman and his party touring central Oregon will come out via Shaniko tonight and arrive in Portland some time Sunday morning. A rush order was received today at noon from General Manager J. F. O'Brien, who is with Harriman, directing the Southern Pacific operating department to send a special train to Shaniko. The train, including Pullman and baggage cars, left Portland at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

It has evidently become desirable for the railroad magnate to proceed north from Madras to Shaniko rather than to come out via Minto pass to Detroit, on the Corvallis & Eastern, where his own special train has been awaiting him since Thursday evening. The party reached Bend today, and from there telephone communication with Portland was secured and the orders of Mr. O'Brien were dispatched.

Will See Wonderful Country.
The Harriman party is today seeing the country in the region of Bend, Prineville and Madras, where there are evidences in plenty of the great drainage already there and more that could be developed for a railroad if built into that country. Their intention has been to look over the Deschutes irrigation & power company's segregation, visit the great sheep ranch of the Baldwin Land & Livestock company near Prineville, and give Mr. Harriman an idea of what could be expected from a country that would yield grain, grass and livestock such as are produced

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TURKEY MUST NOT DROP, DECLARES SHANAHAN

Secretary of Humane Society Serves Notice on Federated Trades Council That Aeronaut Cannot Carry Live Fowl Up in Balloon.

Corresponding Secretary W. T. Shanahan of the Oregon Humane society is determined that the dropping of a live turkey from a balloon on Labor day as planned by the committee having charge of sports in connection with labor's big celebration shall not take place. With this end in view a letter was sent today to F. McDonald, secretary of the Federated Trades council. It follows: "Mr. F. McDonald, Dear Sir:—My attention having been called by letters and personal interviews, also by enclosed announcement, that a live turkey would be dropped from a balloon, September 1st, as secretary of the Oregon Humane society, it becomes my duty to appeal to the managers and officials of the Federated Trades, with the request that through respect for the state law for the prevention of cruelty to animals and also the humane sentiment of our community your honorable confederation will kindly abandon the announced turkey act and thereby avoid the unanimous approbation of all humane people. Sincerely yours in the cause of mercy, W. T. SHANAHAN, Corresponding Secretary, Turkey Drop or Nothing. When the matter was called to the attention of Chairman L. D. Reed of the sports committee the latter stated that no attention would be paid to the matter. We propose pulling off the event just as advertised," said Mr. Reed. "Of course if we are arrested or prevented"

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FIRST CRUISER HAS ARRIVED

Warship Arrives at San Diego and Will Be Stationed at San Francisco—Second Torpedo Flotilla Is Definitely Selected for Pacific Service.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Diego, Aug. 31.—The United States cruiser St. Louis arrived in this harbor last night from the Atlantic coast station, being the first of the cruises which were ordered to join the fleet to be stationed in the Pacific ocean to arrive on this coast. The St. Louis came to San Diego by way of Cape Horn and had an uneventful voyage from ocean to coast. She will probably leave for San Francisco this evening, where she will remain until orders are received from the navy department. Newport, R. I., Aug. 31.—There has been a great deal of conjecture about which torpedo-boats would be sent to the Pacific coast with the fleet to be commanded by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. This was settled when it was announced this morning that the second torpedo flotilla was appointed to the station in the Pacific. The destroyers which comprise the second torpedo flotilla are the Hopkins, Lawrence, Whipple, Hull, Worden and Stewart. These craft have definitely been selected to go to the Pacific coast with the battleships which leave Hampton Roads December 15 for their journey around Cape Horn.

ALTON GIVEN IMMUNITY FOR STANDARD REBATES

Attorney-General Bonaparte Will Extend Whitewash to All Railroads Involved With Oil Trust in Cases Now Pending in Courts.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—It is understood that Attorney-General Bonaparte has decided that the Chicago & Alton railroad has gained immunity from prosecution for giving rebates to the Standard Oil company. It was for accepting these rebates that the Standard Oil company was recently fined \$23,500,000 by Judge Laddis of Chicago. According to the report, the formal decision of the attorney general will be announced next week. On this announcement is made the course followed by Bonaparte in arriving at this conclusion can only be conjectured. It is understood that the assistance rendered by the road in convicting the Standard will be given as the reason for the immunity bath. Western railroads are not to fare so well as the Alton, according to the announcement made by intermediate commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane this morning. Mr. Lane stated that he will start west in a few days to investigate the report that certain roads are granting rebates and discriminating in freight rates. Chicago, Aug. 31.—A dispatch to the effect that the Alton road will be given immunity for rebates to Standard Oil company was practically confirmed here today from the highest official authority. It is understood that the case will be formally called for prosecution Tuesday when a motion will be entered by the federal attorney, to dismiss it. The immunity bath will extend to all railroads charged with giving rebates to the Standard in connection with the cases now pending.

BLOODHOUNDS AS SLEUTHS

Commissioner Bingham of New York Police Will Add Corps of Dogs to Force to Capture Men Who Have Created Reign of Terror.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Aug. 31.—Police commissioner Bingham has practically decided, if experiments now being made with bloodhounds prove successful, to add a corps of the four-footed detectives to the force in this city. For three weeks at a small town up state bloodhounds have daily been set at work following the trails of malefactors, criminals, and when the commissioner has received a complete report as to the achievements of the dogs, he will come to a decision as to the employment of the animals in running down murderers and other criminals in New York. Commissioner Bingham's experiments with the bloodhounds, the result of the total inability of his present force to cope with the reign of terror which has had this city in its grasp for months. Outrages occur daily which have put the people in such a frame of mind that no one's life is safe at night. Things and hold-up men have been so much in evidence that the mobility of people on the street or around the least suspicious move on the part of a passer-by calls forth a reaction. Many people are restless and many are ignorant of the use of firearms and a great many accidents have been added to the list of crimes. Women living in the suburbs have been repeatedly attacked and held up and mob has been formed to take up the pursuit of the criminals. In its special crime against women and children, might now be behind bars had been scented bloodhounds been ready to take the trail immediately.