

# TRAMP KING REACHES PORTLAND ON SEVENTH TOUR OF THE GLOBE

Around the world more than half a dozen times with a record of having traveled 200,000 miles and of having visited every quarter of the globe from the ice covered peaks of the North Pole to the Antarctic zone and from Tristan D'Anuncia to the Hawaiian Islands, Frank Clark, former newsboy of New York and American sailor under Admiral Boston 20 years ago, arrived in Portland today on his seventh tour of the globe.

Clark stopped in Portland today en route on his latest tour of the globe. He is staying at the sailor's home until the ship arrives which will be in ten days, when he will work his way to England again. He has visited the light house three times before and



**KING OF TRAMPS.**

Has no warm spots in his heart for it either. He says John Bull's small detestation is no place for the poor victim of "wanderlust."

**Breaks Stone for Meal.**  
Why, think of it, if a tramp wants a night's lodging he can get it at the wayside "cannery," but what does he have to do for it? Only break a ton or two of stone for the next morning when he is given a bounteous meal of bread and water.

Clark says the tramp evil in this country is getting worse every year. He has rounded the Horn eight times now in his career and crossed the United States via the route more times than he can remember and this year the army of unrest, he declares, is in excess of all former years by a hundred thousand. Especially in the northwest has the

# COUNCIL TO CALL BLUFF

**City Officials Have No Fear Street Railway Company Will Refuse to Use Pavement Franchise Calls for Between Rails.**

That the Portland Railway, Light & Power company was only "lullaby" when it sent in an edict to the Mayor, the city council, the city executive board, the committee on streets and to all other officers and agents of the city of Portland, refusing to pave any more streets with pavement other than the kind used in the body of the street, is the opinion of the city officials who were at the city hall yesterday morning.

Section 7 of the franchise granted to the city & Suburban Railway company, and now owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, provides that "said city & Suburban Railway shall construct or maintain under authority of this ordinance, shall fill in or grade to the established grade and plank, pave, repave, reconstruct, or otherwise improve or repair from time to time whenever directed by the common council, and necessary to put the same in good condition of pavement and power as the adjacent portions of such street."

**Hold Company to Law.**  
While there is no ambiguity in the ordinance, it is believed that if the company will not consent that the city will go to court. While the company has a monopoly in the city, it is not a public utility and the city has no power to compel the company to lay the kind of pavement the city wants in the streets, as follows: "And in such manner as the municipal authorities may direct."

Behind the edict of the railway company there is believed to be something more than the mere threat of a kind of pavement used for the property owners. It is believed that the city will not be able to get the street railway company to lay the kind of pavement the city wants in the streets, as follows: "And in such manner as the municipal authorities may direct."

number of "Mulligan bunches" in jail. Between here and Berlin and between that point and Denver he says he passed thousands and thousands of the vagrants. He attributes the great number at this time to the recent hard times, but says that even in the best of times he has seen "old fashioned Williams" as ever known before.

**Never Paid Railroad Fare.**  
"Yes, I haven't paid the Hartman or Gouds anything. In my wanderings around the world I have contributed to the coffers of any other transportation company. And that it is true, I have never spent a cent in jail either. I've been kicked off freight cars in Minneapolis and in Bremen. I've been thrown out of the German border and hustled across the German border by the stolid but alert police of Kaiser Wilhelm's land, but I have yet to see daylight streaming through dungeon bars."

Why do I do it, you say. Oh, it's just the wanderlust, ain't that what they call it? How long will I keep up my wanderings? Well, and the "king" looked absently through space—"I guess I'll quit when the big ship passing takes me."

There are thousands of tramps just like me, too. They can't settle down. The spirit of unrest is always with them, and unless death stops them in the midst of their journeyings they will be tramp or vagabond. Then there are thousands of young fellows swelling the ranks every year. Boys of good families, too, but whose people have not enough money to give them a start. They read romantic novels and stories of adventure, and before they know it the desire to roam is upon them and too strong to be shaken off. Nine tenths of Uncle Sam's sailors today are boys who give the wanderlust in their turns and signed up with the government so that they could satisfy their longings to see the world.

**Calls for Good Sprinkling.**  
"I made the trip out from New York this time only after a great many difficulties. It used to be that traveling was easy. Now, the railroad officials are more watchful. It is a rare feat for a tramp to ride out a division on the blind. I accomplished this going from Denver to Salt Lake last month, but I was nearly thrown under the wheels on two different occasions to do it. In order to ride the blind you have to be able to sprint some. I am 46 years old, but I used to do the hundred in close to a flat, and I needed all my sprinting ability, too. I can tell you."

"Take it all around, though, the United States is the best country of them all for the tramp. Here a hand-out can always be obtained, and in most instances without any labor, which is the great thing for the tramp, being given in exchange. In Australia the people are kind hearted, too. In Germany the peasants will give you anything they have if you tell them you're from America, but the police chase you around more than is pleasant. Italy is warm hearted country. There, as in Spain, the hobo only has to go to the back door to get a copper with which he can buy bread and wine in abundance."

**Russia Well Guarded.**  
"I have never been able to reach the interior of Russia, as the secret police there are too suspicious of strangers, but I have been in several of the southern provinces and don't feel strongly inclined to go back."

"Down in Holland they grab wandering 'Williams' like myself and ship them out of the country on an outbound sailing vessel. The Dutchmen make you earn your passage."

In all his long experience as a nomad on the world's map, the tramp king said he had never gone longer more than a day without always being able to get a job or in a pinch to work a few days for money to buy a meal.

franchise for the present one. For months the railway company has been gradually curtailing the benefits which the city thinks it is entitled to for the streets which it has given to the company.

The feeling of unrest and opposition between the company and the city has been manifest in regard to the railway airbrakes, electric light bills and now comes up in the paving proposition.

Not one stone is considered of sufficient importance for the council of the franchise but in the aggregate they form an array that keeps the council, the mayor and the city executive board on the alert for some move which can be taken as an indication of the standing of the two warring factors.

Strange to say the real fight on which the matter of a new franchise hinges is not on any of the matters named but upon the company's action in abandoning streets on which it was given a franchise. The city attorney has given an opinion that the courts have held that a franchise is a contract and the violation of its terms annuls the contract. Translated this means that the city has the right to revoke the company's franchise because the company has failed to accept all of its prerogatives in the matter of laying tracks.

**At Swords' Points.**  
While both sides have been sparring all summer, the city executive board is now planning and scheming to find the weak point in the company's armor, and the company has been equally hard at work scheming and planning to smash the city into false positions that will be before the main issue when it comes up. At least this is the opinion of those who have stood on the outside looking in.

Therefore when the company sent in its ultimatum to the city executive board it was not accepted in good faith by those who have been watching the fight. It is simply a bluff on the part of the company. By thus bringing the city officials from outside into the fight, the company hopes to win out in the end. The fight between the city officials was expected next June.

**BAND CONCERT IN CITY PARK THIS AFTERNOON**  
An attractive program has been selected for this afternoon's band concert in the city park. The concert begins at 2:30 o'clock. Following is the program in detail: Grand March—"Nella"; Polka—"Bellona"; Overture—"The Court of Essex"; Merendante Intermezzo—"England"; Leoncavallo Grand selection—"Romeo and Juliet"; Gounod Baritone solo—"Cavatina"; from "Faust"; Sig. DeCaprio; Andante from 1st symphony; Beethoven Three dances from "Henry VIII"; German March—"Peace Forever"; Lacalle

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# MEIER & FRANK ANNEX WILL BE HANDSOMEST BUSINESS STRUCTURE IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST



Doyle & Patterson - Archts.

Architect's Drawing of Meier & Frank's Ten-story Annex at Sixth and Alder Sts., Work on Which Will Be Rushed to Completion

The annex to the Meier & Frank store on Sixth and Alder streets is to be the handsomest business building in the Pacific northwest when it is completed, according to the promises made by the owners, the architects and the contractors.

Work on the excavation for the basement of the new building is progressing as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances. The basement of the annex is to be 21 feet in depth. Already the workmen have gone

below the foundation line of the main building of the Meier & Frank company and below the foundation line of the Stearns building. It is necessary to put underpinning under these foundations before the basement for the annex can be completed. This work is being done as rapidly as possible. As soon as completed the work on the new basement will be begun and the real work of construction commenced.

The new annex is to have a floor space of 100,000 feet. There will be a basement and a sub-basement. The building proper will be 10 stories

in height. It will be of steel frame construction and will be absolutely fireproof. The exterior will be finished in dull white glazed terra cotta, or porcelain finish, which has the advantage of being not only a beautiful finish but easy to keep clean. This finish will be something new to Portland people, it having been used in some of the eastern cities but not yet on the Pacific coast.

There will be three entrances to the new building. One will be a large double entrance at the corner of Sixth and Alder. There will be another at the extreme northern corner of the

building facing on Sixth street. Seven passenger elevators will be installed in the enlarged store. There will also be three freight elevators. Special arrangements are to be made for the comfort and protection of the patrons of the store. Sanitary and elaborate lavatories, waiting-rooms and restrooms will be provided throughout for the use of both men and women. The building will be provided with an automatic fire protection system, so arranged that in case of fire in any part of the building a system of sprinkling pipes will be turned on in that part, fed by a tank on the roof.

This system alone should be able to protect the store against any ordinary fire. Pneumatic cash delivery systems, a vacuum cleaning plant and all modern improvements will be put in every department.

Thompson-Starrett company, New York contractors, who have 25 large commercial structures in course of erection in San Francisco, as well as other work in all the important cities in the country are the contractors.

The firm has every hope of occupying the new structure for next fall's business. Doyle & Patterson, Worcester building, are the architects.

holes are below grade. One of them is about six inches below, and you can find it at all unless you dig for it. When the old cross walks were relayed they didn't even pull out the old nails but just pounded them down. In some places there are spikes three or four inches long sticking up for people to stub their toes on.

The members of the club were appointed a committee of the whole to wait on the executive board when it meets next time, and lay their grievances before that body. The meeting was presided over by Dr. William F. Ames. Another meeting will be held as soon as the committee has had a chance to appear before the executive board.

## SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON ORGANIZE FRATERNITY

The members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity who reside in Portland met recently and have organized an alumni association in this city. A committee was appointed to secure the signatures of all the local members of this fraternity and petition the supreme council for a charter.

C. M. Jett was elected president and C. H. Kable secretary and treasurer. This fraternity has a very large enrollment of active chapters in the United States, those on the Pacific coast being Leland Stanford Jr. University of California and University of Washington. It has also an enrollment of 30 alumni associations located in 15 larger cities throughout the country.

Members in this city are C. M. Jett, R. McManis, Martin L. Pipes, W. A. Spanton, Ben S. Morrow, Elliot Holcomb, C. H. Werricks, Dr. Sahlin, Charles Good, Roy V. Meikle, C. H. Kable, J. F. Kable.

## APPRAISEMENT OF TWO ESTATES MADE

Alexander Bonser, Norman H. McKay and Fred Uhlman have appraised the estate of John Leonard at \$7,886. The estate of John Glenn has been valued at \$2,302 by the appraisers, W. N. Coffey, Oscar Blair and Charles H. Foster.

## EAST MADISON MEN STUB TOES AND HOWL AT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The residents living along East Madison street feel that they have been jobbed on the street work done along that thoroughfare, according to the opinion expressed at a meeting of the East Madison Street Improvement Association held last night at the home of George Stevenson, 871 East Madison street.

"The street was never properly relined," says Attorney H. S. McCutchan, secretary of the club, and the top dressing was not put on as it should have been. The traffic on the street has worked up the big rocks from below, and the street is in very bad condition generally. Many of the sewer man-

## PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE

The patronal feast of St. Lawrence will be celebrated today by the offering up of solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock at St. Lawrence church. The mass will be sung by a children's choir which has been rehearsing a select program for the event. The pig-pit will be occupied by Rev. E. V. O'Hara. During the coming week contributions for the Grand Jubilee offering to be presented to the pastor of the church on the occasion of the Silver

## JUBILEE OF THE PARISH WILL BE RECEIVED BY COMMITTEES WHICH WILL VISIT PARISHIONERS.

## PREMATURE BLAST; THREE MINERS DEAD

Boulder, Colo., Aug. 15.—Three gold miners were killed at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Ingram mine, north of Sarna. The accident was caused by a premature explosion of a number of dynamite charges placed in drift holes for firing when they went off duty tonight. No one as yet knows just how the explosion was started.

## WILL ASK LATER MAIL COLLECTION

East Side Clubs to Petition Postmaster for Night Service.

The business men of the east side are agitating a later collection of the mails on that side of the river at night and the matter is understood to be brought up for discussion at the next meeting of the United East Side Clubs, with a view to making an attempt to have the service improved.

At present the latest collection is at night. Many men whose work during the day time is on this side of the river do not have time during the day to attend to all their correspondence, especially men employed in the service of others, and it would be a great convenience for them if they could write their letters at home and mail them so that they would be taken up the same night. This they cannot do so long as the latest collection is so early in the evening.

Postmaster Kinde, when asked about the matter, said that there was no complaint that he was aware of. None had