

PIPES BREAK, CITY DARK

Gas Mains Filled With Water Take Light and Cooking Fuel From West Siders—Accidents Prevented by Prompt Work.

Portland—that part of the city, at least, that lives west of the river and that uses gas—was dark last night. Also it was dry. This was not due to any activity on the part of Chief Gritzmacher or District Attorney Cameron. The Sunday blue laws had nothing to do with it. It was on account of the breaking of the gas and water mains at the corner of Fourth and Ankeny streets early yesterday afternoon.

Excavating is going on at that corner for the foundation of the new building of the Pacific Paper company and a lot of building material, including brick, has been accumulated there for the new structures.

Vibration to Blame.
Engineers of the water department upon investigation of the break have decided that the Southern Pacific is partly responsible, inasmuch as vibrations from a passing train started the earth movement which broke the big pipes in two.

A heavy concrete retaining wall built by the Pacific Paper company immediately under the curb off which the bricks were piled was not braced from the inside. The gas and water mains paralleled this wall, which was pushed westward more than a foot by the earth slide caused by the additional weight on the pavement and the vibrations of the train. As the mains are of cast iron they could not bend to the pressure but had to break. The break was not caused, as has been supposed, by the fall of the brick upon the pipes. These were broken before the brick tumbled in. Had the retaining wall been braced from the inside sufficiently to have withstood the pressure no damage would have resulted.

Both Mains Smashed.
Both the water and gas mains were smashed. The water immediately rushed into the broken gas main, rendering it useless. The excavation was also flooded. A man was sent out at once by the water company to turn off the water, but when he reached the scene of the accident he found that his wrench was too small and he was obliged to return to the office for another one. By the time he got back the water had flooded the district east as far as Third street, north as far as Burnside and south to Pine street, as well as filling up the excavation for the foundation of the new building.

A fire engine was set to work as soon as possible pumping the water out of the gas mains and temporary repairs were made during the night. But because of the fear that many people had neglected to shut off the gas cocks in their houses the gas was not turned on until this morning, for fear some of the careless ones might be asphyxiated. The gas was turned on in the business district early enough this morning, however, to dispel the gloom of the fog and enable the early workers to go about their accustomed business.

Restaurants Dead With.
Many people who had not known for years what it was to go to bed before midnight turned in early last night because they had no light. There was difficulty in the culinary departments of many families, too, and some of the restaurants which use gas to cook with were obliged to close their doors on account of lack of fuel.

The gas company attaches no blame to anybody, the statement being made this morning that the accident was unavoidable and nobody was to blame.

The gas company rushed work on repairs, which were accomplished in a remarkably short time, but it took several hours to turn on the gas last night probably prevented a number of deaths, as there were undoubtedly a good many light candles throughout the city that had not been turned off, the light simply going out when the main was shut off. The company also sent out warning notices that undoubtedly prevented serious trouble.

Says Water Main Is Weak.
Court proceedings may be resorted to in order to determine the responsibility for the break in the 24-inch water main at Fourth and Ankeny streets yesterday afternoon. Contractor George Langford of Langford & Walker, who are putting up the Pacific Paper company's building, denies that the weight of the brick piled along Fourth street caused the water main to break, but says there is a structural weakness in the whole Fourth street water main, and cites as proof the fact that the main has given away at various points no less than five times in the past few years.

The theory has been heretofore advanced that the main on Fourth street has been injured and the alignment destroyed by the heavy trains running over the Southern Pacific's west side tracks. Mr. Langford's theory of yesterday's accident is that the outrush of water from the big pipe, which was broken by a passing train or was due to a defect in the pipe, undermined the Belgian block pavement and the retaining wall, causing both to cave in on the five-inch gas main, breaking it. The water filled the small gas main and eventually reached the big main which supplies the entire west side.

Low Colonist Rates Via the Canadian Pacific.

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State School Dedicated.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Montclair, N. J., Sept. 22.—The North Jersey Normal school, recently completed at a cost of \$300,000, was formally dedicated today with interesting exercises. Governor Fort and a number of prominent educators were among those who took part. The school has accommodations for 300 pupils.

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But in the business world—how different! The merchant who won his patronage last year must earn it over again this season. He must demonstrate progress, not only beyond his own past, but also over his competitor's present. In entertainment you seek as good as the artist's first production; from the merchant you demand improvement on your last purchase.

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FRISCO PEOPLE LIKE PORTLAND

Bay City Exchange Secretary Says Fairness of Oregonians Is Appreciated.

"Jerry" Dalley, the genial secretary of the Merchants' exchange of San Francisco, is stopping a few days in Portland, and is stopping at the Oregon. Mr. Dalley has recently returned from a tour of Puget sound cities, and says that he wants to give a look at Portland.

"I am surprised and delighted with Portland," he said this morning. "Your city shows every sign of progress. I think a better feeling is manifest in business circles all over the coast. Confidence was rapidly returning, and merchants were beginning to reap the rewards of their two years of struggle against unusual odds."

San Francisco feels most friendly to Portland. In the exchanges I heard nothing but nice things about this city, and the prevailing opinion was Portland is not knocked. This is particularly gratifying to San Franciscans, as we have received some vicious and wholly unwarranted attacks from cities that are not in any way damaged by such prosperity as might come to San Francisco.

Mrs. Scherrer a Suicide.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 22.—Mrs. Delphia Scherrer, wife of a lawyer at Independence, Inyo county, committed suicide in a boarding house yesterday. She stated in a note that no one was to blame. A son of the landlady stated that he believed Mrs. Scherrer took her life because of domestic troubles, in which a crisis was precipitated by the arrival of a letter from Independence, Saturday.

SPANISH FLAG CAUSES A RIOT

Liberals in Cuba Attack Procession of Conservatives at Sancti Spiritus.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Havana, Sept. 22.—The using of the Spanish flag by the conservative party of Cuba in an effort to get votes has precipitated another grave crisis in the political affairs of the island, and the authorities are trying to prevent the recurrence of a riot, which occurred Saturday at Sancti Spiritus when one man was killed and eight severely wounded by the liberals because of resentment at the use of the Spanish flag.

General Mario Menocal, the conservative party's candidate for president, headed the procession, with other conservative leaders. The leaders waved the Spanish flag and shouted "Vivas" for the Spanish and conservative party. The people of the town were enraged and attacked the procession with pocket knives and machines which were used freely. The man killed was one of the bearers of Spanish flags.

The conservative candidates took a train and left the town as soon as they could get out of the crowd, but feeling is still bitter.

DOES NOT WANT HIS WIFE IN OPERA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Sept. 22.—Because his wife has decided to study for the opera against his wishes, Ernest Lee Major, a noted painter of New York and Boston, is preparing to bring suit for divorce. His wife formerly was Estelle C. Leighton, a beautiful model, who posed for his famous painting, "The Wood Nymph." She is now studying for a part in Reginald De Koven's new opera, "The Golden Butterfly."

Tragedy as well as marital unhappiness has followed Mrs. Major's determination to take up opera. Charles H. Bond, a Boston millionaire, who assisted her financially in her studies, committed suicide some months ago, following the separation of Major and his wife.

celebration will last through the entire week. The plans have been going forward for almost a year, and are of a most elaborate character. The initial feature of the program is to be a public reception in Duquesne Garden tonight by the mayor and other officials of the city. During the remainder of the week there will be a succession of parades, concerts, athletic competitions, pyrotechnic displays and other features of attractive entertainment.

A new electrical device is claimed to produce a bleaching liquid from ordinary salt brine by electrolysis, which is not injurious to textiles and at a reduction in cost over present methods of from 20 to 30 per cent.

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PITTSBURG IS 150 YEARS OLD TODAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—Pittsburg began today the celebration of her one hundred and fiftieth birthday. The

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